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Act 1
The hawk is loose.

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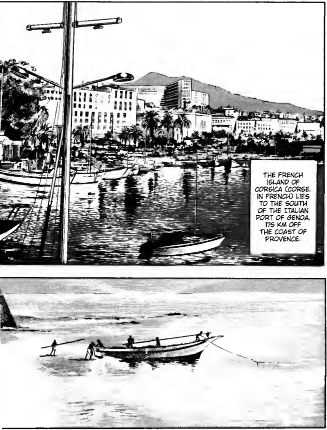
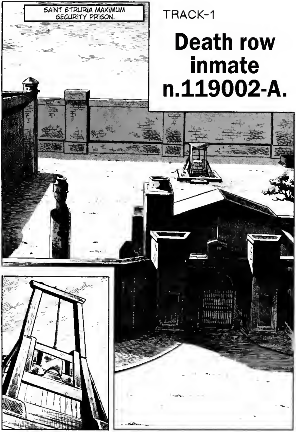
Assignment 1

The Hawk is loose.


THE FRENCH ISLAND OF CORSICA (CORSE IN FRENCH) LIES TO THE SOUTH OF THE ITALIAN PORT OF GENOA, 175 KM OFF THE COAST OF PROVENCE.

TRACK-1

Death row inmate n.119002-A.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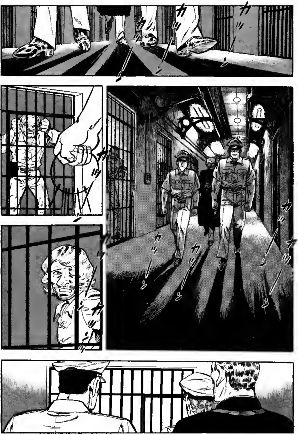
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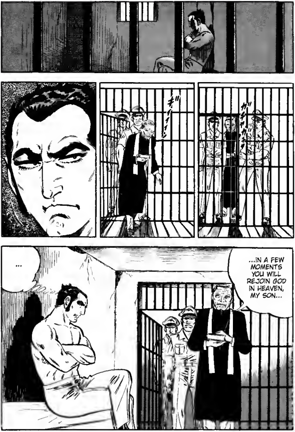
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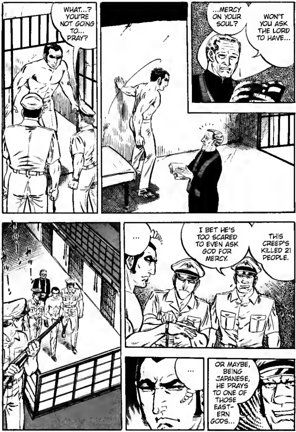
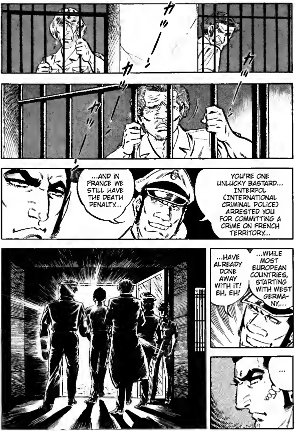
...IN A FEW MOMENTS YOU WILL REJOIN GOD IN HEAVEN, MY SON...


WHAT...? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO... PRAY?
WON'T YOU ASK THE LORD TO HAVE...
...MERCY ON YOUR SOUL?
...
THIS CREEP'S KILLED 21 PEOPLE.
I BET HE'S TOO SCARED TO EVEN ASK GOD FOR MERCY.
...
OR MAYBE, BEING JAPANESE, HE PRAYS TO ONE OF THOSE EASTERN GODS...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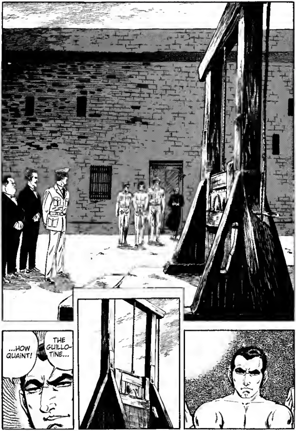
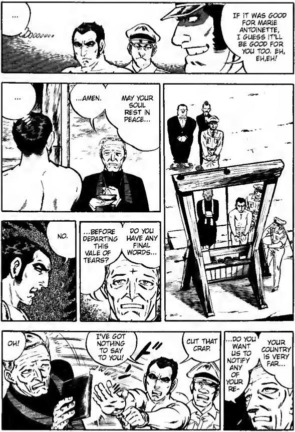
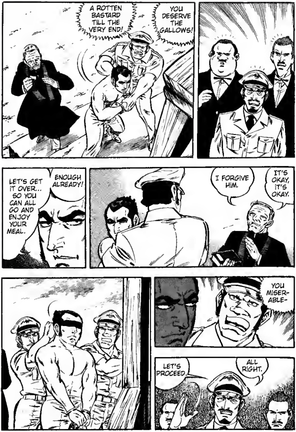
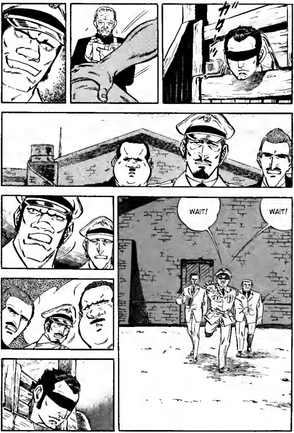
YOU'RE ONE UNLUCKY BASTARD... INTERPOL (INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE) ARRESTED YOU FOR COMMITTING A CRIME ON FRENCH TERRITORY...
...AND IN FRANCE WE STILL HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY...
...WHILE MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, STARTING WITH WEST GERMANY,...
...HAVE ALREADY DONE AWAY WITH IT! EH, EH!
...


THE GUILLOTINE...
...HOW QUAINT!


IF IT WAS GOOD FOR MARIE ANTOINETTE, I GUESS IT'LL BE GOOD FOR YOU TOO. EH, EH,EH!
...
Dooooooo
MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE...
...AMEN.
...
DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL WORDS...
...BEFORE DEPARTING THIS VALE OF TEARS?
NO.
YOUR COUNTRY IS VERY FAR...
...DO YOU WANT US TO NOTIFY ANY OF YOUR RE-
CUT THAT CRAP.
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU!
OH!


A ROTTEN BASTARD TILL THE VERY END!
YOU DESERVE THE GALLOWS!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
LET'S GET IT OVER... SO YOU CAN ALL GO AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL.
I FORGIVE HIM.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.
YOU MISERABLE-
LET'S PROCEED.
ALL RIGHT.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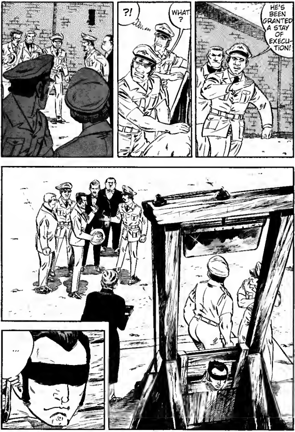
WAIT!
WAIT!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WHAT?
HE'S BEEN GRANTED A STAY OF EXECUTION!
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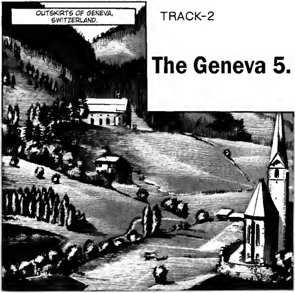
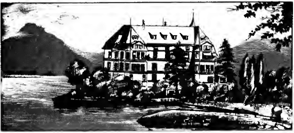
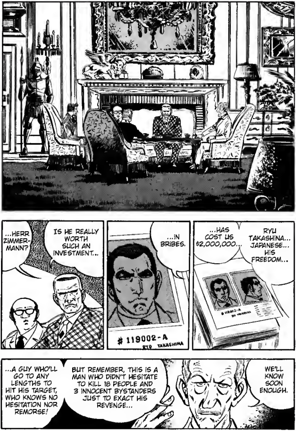
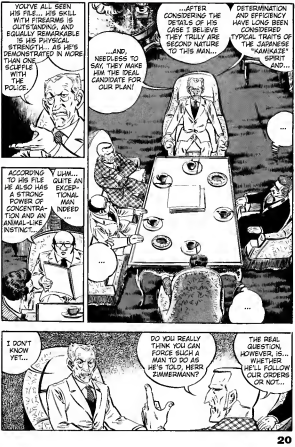
TRACK-2

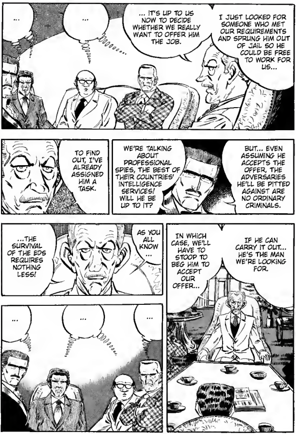
The Geneva 5.


OUTSKIRTS OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.




RYU TAKASHINA... JAPANESE... HIS FREEDOM...
...HAS COST US $2,000,000...
...IN BRIBES.
# 119002-A
RYO TAKASHIMA
IS HE REALLY WORTH SUCH AN INVESTMENT...
...HERR ZIMMERMANN?
WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.
BUT REMEMBER, THIS IS A MAN WHO DIDN'T HESITATE TO KILL 18 PEOPLE AND 3 INNOCENT BYSTANDERS JUST TO EXACT HIS REVENGE...
...A GUY WHO'LL GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO HIT HIS TARGET, WHO KNOWS NO HESITATION NOR REMORSE!


YOU'VE ALL SEEN HIS FILE... HIS SKILL WITH FIREARMS IS OUTSTANDING, AND EQUALLY REMARKABLE IS HIS PHYSICAL STRENGTH... AS HE'S DEMONSTRATED IN MORE THAN ONE SCUFFLE WITH THE POLICE.
DETERMINATION AND EFFICIENCY HAVE LONG BEEN CONSIDERED TYPICAL TRAITS OF THE JAPANESE "KAMIKAZE" SPIRIT AND...
...AFTER CONSIDERING THE DETAILS OF HIS CASE I BELIEVE THEY TRULY ARE SECOND NATURE TO THIS MAN...
...AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY MAKE HIM THE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR OUR PLAN!
...
ACCORDING TO HIS FILE HE ALSO HAS A STRONG POWER OF CONCENTRATION AND AN ANIMAL-LIKE INSTINCT...
UHM... QUITE AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN INDEED...
...
...
THE REAL QUESTION, HOWEVER, IS... WHETHER HE'LL FOLLOW OUR ORDERS OR NOT...
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FORCE SUCH A MAN TO DO AS HE'S TOLD, HERR ZIMMERMANN?
I DON'T KNOW YET...


I JUST LOOKED FOR SOMEONE WHO MET OUR REQUIREMENTS AND SPRUNG HIM OUT OF JAIL SO HE COULD BE FREE TO WORK FOR US...
... IT'S UP TO US NOW TO DECIDE WHETHER WE REALLY WANT TO OFFER HIM THE JOB.
...
...
BUT... EVEN ASSUMING HE ACCEPTS THE OFFER, THE ADVERSARIES HE'LL BE PITTED AGAINST ARE NO ORDINARY CRIMINALS.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PROFESSIONAL SPIES, THE BEST OF THEIR COUNTRIES' INTELLIGENCE SERVICES! WILL HE BE UP TO IT?
TO FIND OUT, I'VE ALREADY ASSIGNED HIM A TASK.
IF HE CAN CARRY IT OUT... HE'S THE MAN WE'RE LOOKING FOR.
IN WHICH CASE, WE'LL HAVE TO STOOP TO BEG HIM TO ACCEPT OUR OFFER...
AS YOU ALL KNOW ...
...THE SURVIVAL OF THE EDS REQUIRES NOTHING LESS!
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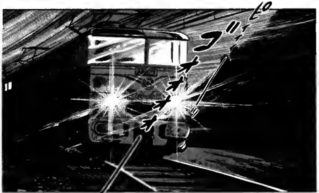

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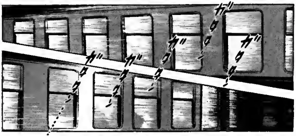
Death on the overnight express.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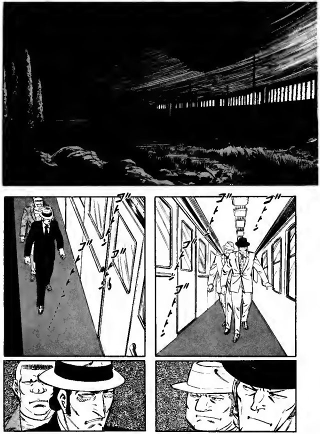
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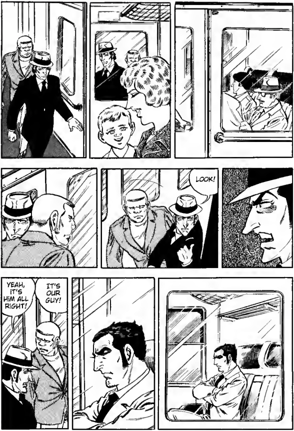
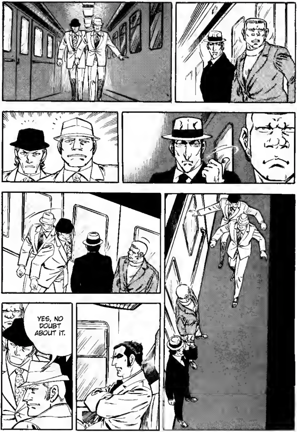
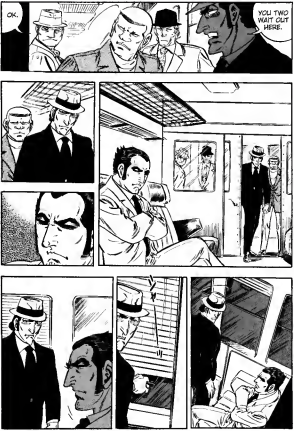
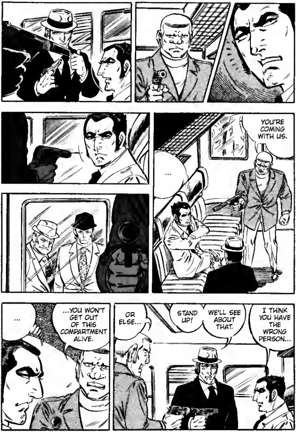
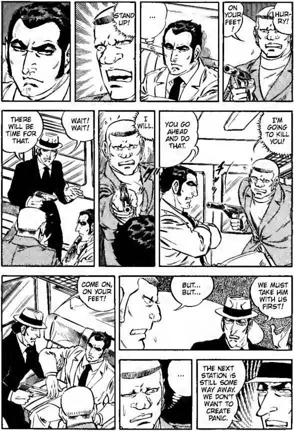
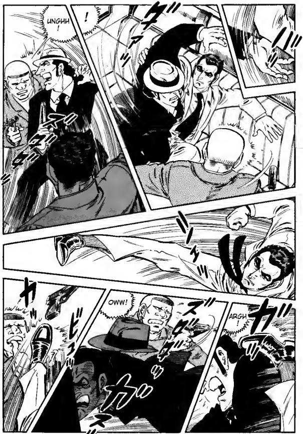

LOOK!
IT'S OUR GUY!
YEAH, IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT!


YES, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.


YOU TWO WAIT OUT HERE.
OK.


YOU'RE COMING WITH US.
...
I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG PERSON...
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.
STAND UP!
OR ELSE...
...YOU WON'T GET OUT OF THIS COMPARTMENT ALIVE.
...


HURRY!
ON YOUR FEET!
...
STAND UP!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
YOU GO AHEAD AND DO THAT.
I WILL.
WAIT! WAIT!
THERE WILL BE TIME FOR THAT.
WE MUST TAKE HIM WITH US FIRST!
BUT... BUT...
THE NEXT STATION IS STILL SOME WAY AWAY. WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE PANIC.
...
COME ON, ON YOUR FEET!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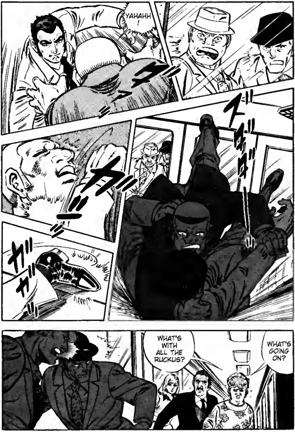
YAHAHH
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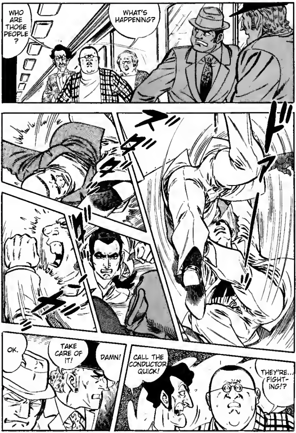
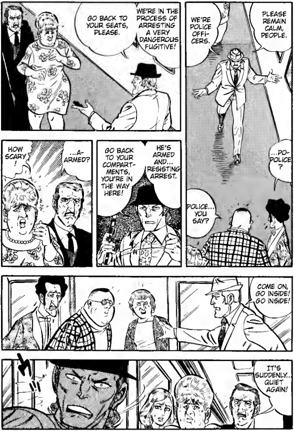
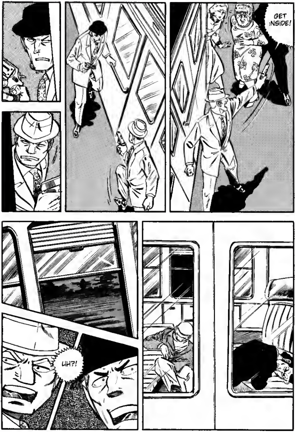
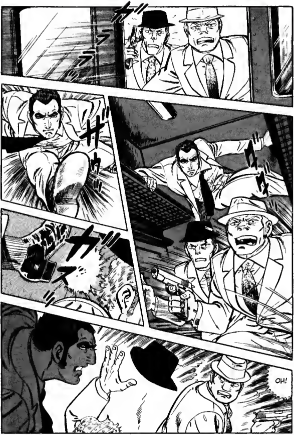
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RUCKUS?


WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?
THEY'RE... FIGHTING!?
CALL THE CONDUCTOR QUICK!
DAMN!
TAKE CARE OF IT!
OK.


PLEASE REMAIN CALM, PEOPLE.
WE'RE POLICE OFFICERS.
...PO-POLICE?
POLICE... YOU SAY?
WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF ARRESTING A VERY DANGEROUS FUGITIVE!
GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS, PLEASE.
HE'S ARMED AND... RESISTING ARREST.
GO BACK TO YOUR COMPARTMENTS, YOU'RE IN THE WAY HERE!
...A-ARMED?
HOW SCARY!
COME ON, GO INSIDE! GO INSIDE!
IT'S SUDDENLY... QUIET AGAIN!


GET INSIDE!
UH?!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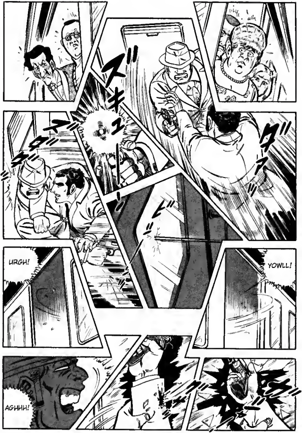
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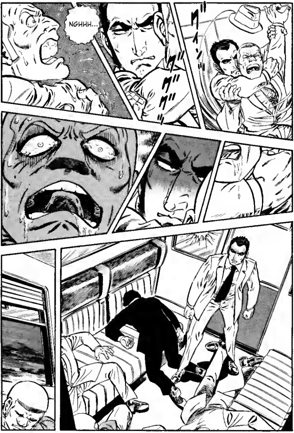
URGH!
AGHHH!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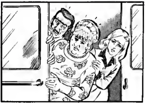
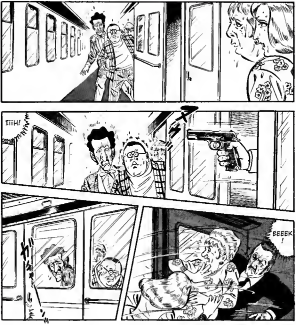


TRACK-4

A deathly trail...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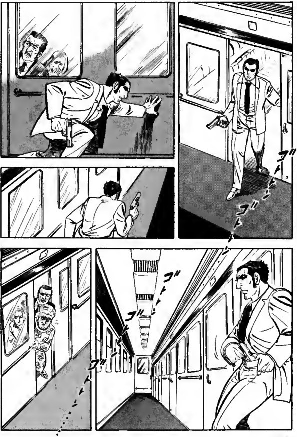
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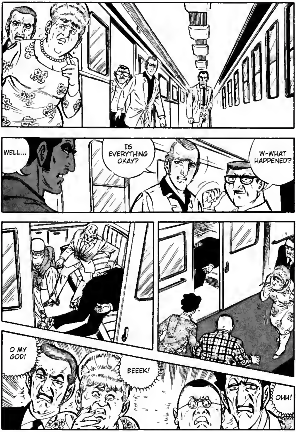
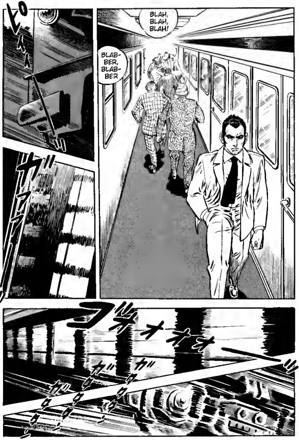

W-WHAT HAPPENED?
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
WELL...
OHH!
EEEEK!
O MY GOD!


BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!
BLABBER, BLABBER
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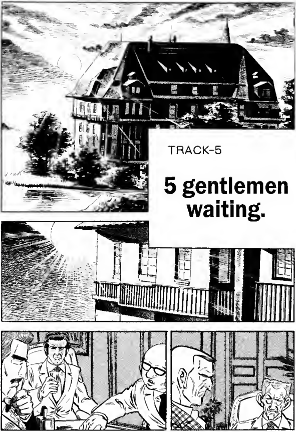
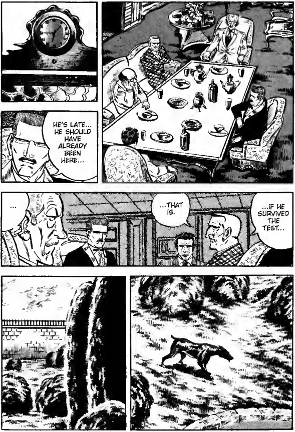
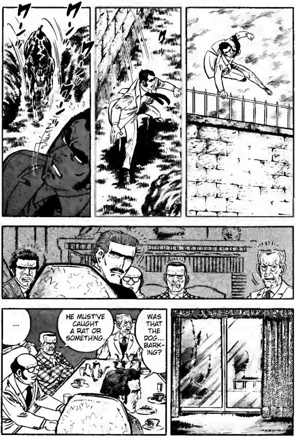
TRACK-5

5 gentlemen waiting.




HE'S LATE... HE SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN HERE...
...
...THAT is.
...IF HE SURVIVED THE TEST...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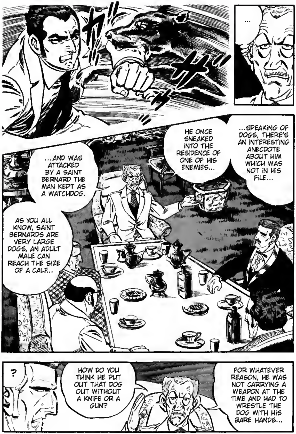
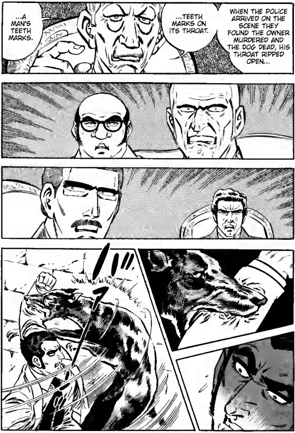
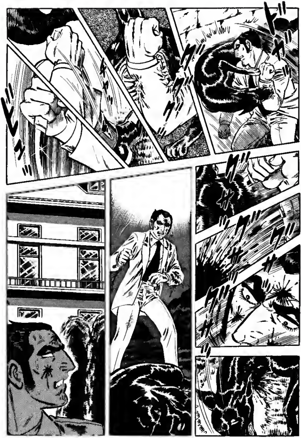
WAS THAT THE DOG... BARKING?
HE MUST'VE CAUGHT A RAT OR SOMETHING.
...


...
...SPEAKING OF DOGS, THERE'S AN INTERESTING ANECDOTE ABOUT HIM WHICH WAS NOT IN HIS FILE...
HE ONCE SNEAKED INTO THE RESIDENCE OF ONE OF HIS ENEMIES...
...AND WAS ATTACKED BY A SAINT BERNARD THE MAN KEPT AS A WATCHDOG.
AS YOU ALL KNOW, SAINT BERNARDS ARE VERY LARGE DOGS, AN ADULT MALE CAN REACH THE SIZE OF A CALF...
FOR WHATEVER REASON, HE WAS NOT CARRYING A WEAPON AT THE TIME AND HAD TO WRESTLE THE DOG WITH HIS BARE HANDS...
HOW DO YOU THINK HE PUT OUT THAT DOG OUT WITHOUT A KNIFE OR A GUN?
?


WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE THEY FOUND THE OWNER MURDERED AND THE DOG DEAD, HIS THROAT RIPPED OPEN...
...TEETH MARKS ON ITS THROAT.
...A MAN'S TEETH MARKS.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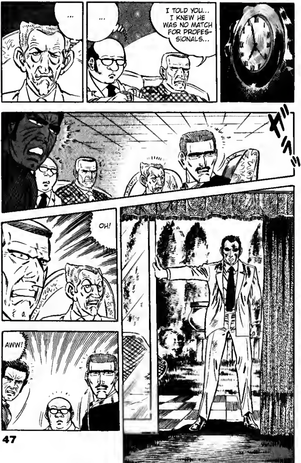
...
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I TOLD YOU... I KNEW HE WAS NO MATCH FOR PROFESSIONALS...
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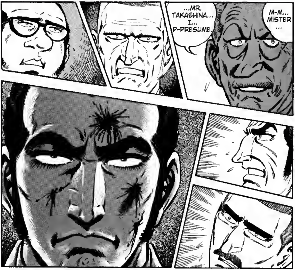
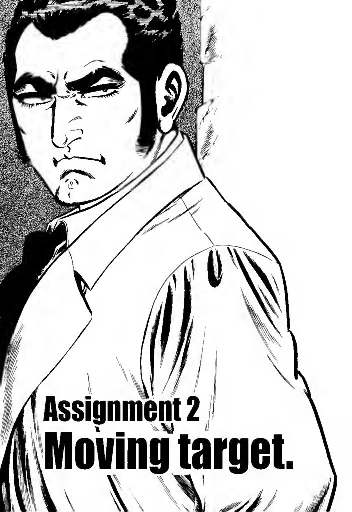
OH!
AWW!

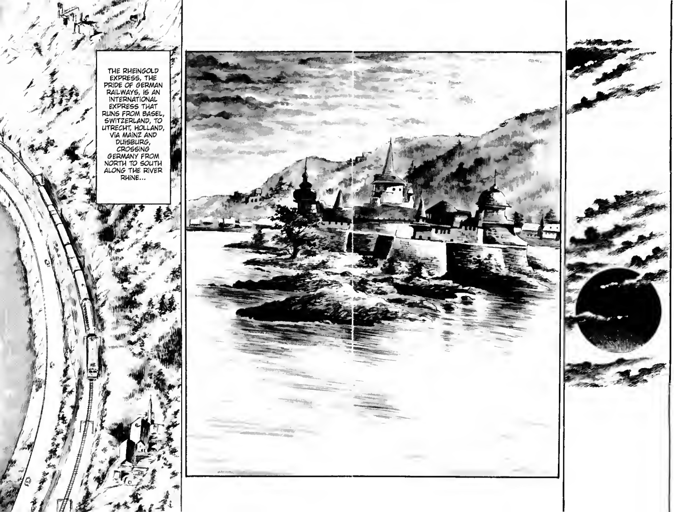

M-M... MISTER ...
...MR. TAKASHINA... I... P-PRESUME.

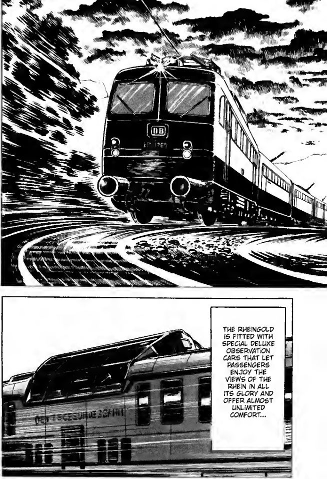
ASSIGNMENT 1: END.



Assignment 2

Moving target.


THE RHEINGOLD EXPRESS, THE PRIDE OF GERMAN RAILWAYS, IS AN INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS THAT RUNS FROM BASEL, SWITZERLAND, TO UTRECHT, HOLLAND, VIA MAINZ AND DUISBURG, CROSSING GERMANY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG THE RIVER RHINE...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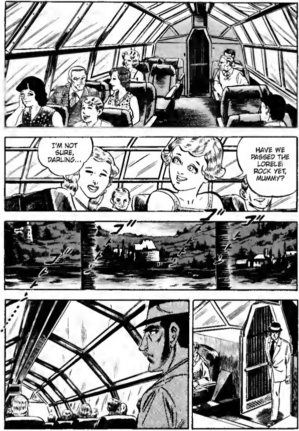
THE RHEINGOLD IS FITTED WITH SPECIAL DELUXE OBSERVATION CARS THAT LET PASSENGERS ENJOY THE VIEWS OF THE RHEIN IN ALL ITS GLORY AND OFFER ALMOST UNLIMITED COMFORT...


HAVE WE PASSED THE LORELEI ROCK YET, MUMMY?
I'M NOT SURE, DARLING...
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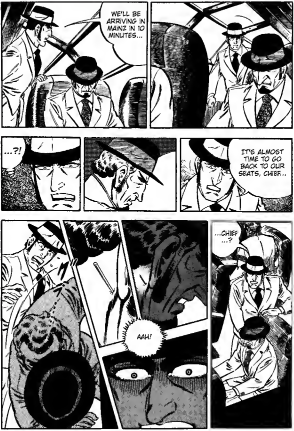
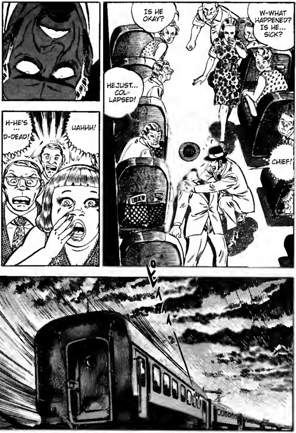

WE'LL BE ARRIVING IN MAINZ IN 10 MINUTES...
...?!
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO GO BACK TO OUR SEATS, CHIEF...
AAH!
...CHIEF ...?


IS HE OKAY?
W-WHAT HAPPENED? IS HE... SICK?
HE JUST... COL LAPSED!
CHIEF!
H-HE'S ... D-DEAD!
UAHHH!
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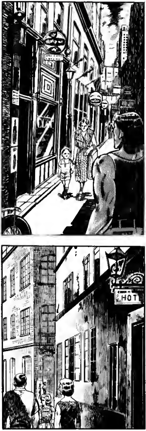

TRACK-1

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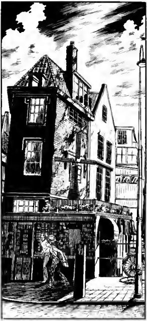
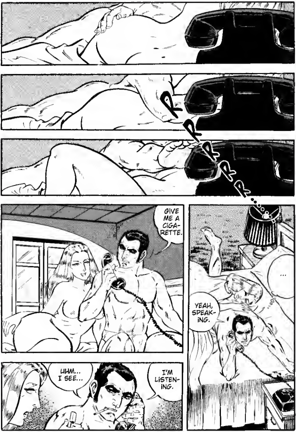
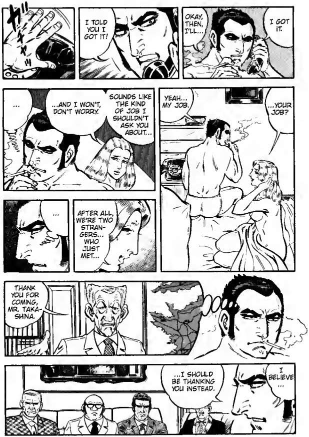
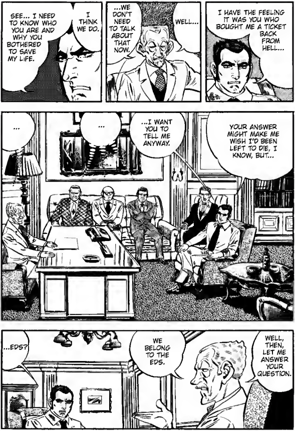
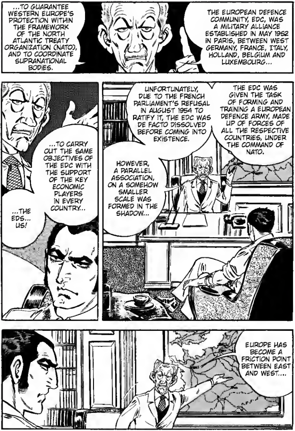
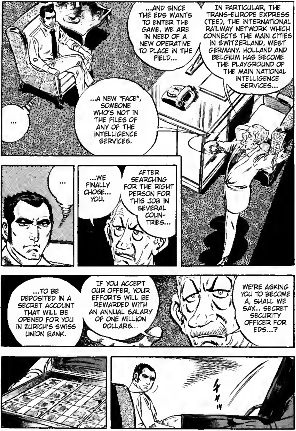



RRRRR.....
GIVE ME A CIGARETTE.
...
YEAH, SPEAKING.
UHM... I SEE...
I'M LISTENING.


I TOLD YOU I GOT IT!
OKAY, THEN, I'LL...
I GOT IT.
...YOUR JOB?
YEAH... MY JOB.
SOUNDS LIKE THE KIND OF JOB I SHOULDN'T ASK YOU ABOUT...
...AND I WON'T, DON'T WORRY.
...
...
AFTER ALL, WE'RE TWO STRANGERS... WHO JUST MET...
THANK YOU FOR COMING, MR. TAKASHINA.
I BELIEVE...
...I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU INSTEAD.


I HAVE THE FEELING IT WAS YOU WHO BOUGHT ME A TICKET BACK FROM HELL...
WELL...
...WE DON'T NEED TO TALK ABOUT THAT NOW.
I THINK WE DO.
SEE... I NEED TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU BOTHERED TO SAVE MY LIFE.
YOUR ANSWER MIGHT MAKE ME WISH I'D BEEN LEFT TO DIE, I KNOW, BUT...
...I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ANYWAY.
...
...
WELL, THEN, LET ME ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.
WE BELONG TO THE EDS.
...EDS?


THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE COMMUNITY, EDC, WAS A MILITARY ALLIANCE ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1952 IN PARIS, BETWEEN WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG...
...TO GUARANTEE WESTERN EUROPE'S PROTECTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO), AND TO COORDINATE SUPRANATIONAL BODIES.
THE EDC WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF FORMING AND TRAINING A EUROPEAN DEFENCE ARMY, MADE UP OF FORCES OF ALL THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, UNDER THE COMMAND OF NATO.
UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT'S REFUSAL IN AUGUST 1954 TO RATIFY IT, THE EDC WAS DE FACTO DISSOLVED BEFORE COMING INTO EXISTENCE.
HOWEVER, A PARALLEL ASSOCIATION, ON A SOMEHOW SMALLER SCALE WAS FORMED IN THE SHADOW...
...TO CARRY OUT THE SAME OBJECTIVES OF THE EDC WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE KEY ECONOMIC PLAYERS IN EVERY COUNTRY...
...THE EDS... US!
EUROPE HAS BECOME A FRICTION POINT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST....


IN PARTICULAR, THE TRANS-EUROPE EXPRESS (TEE), THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY NETWORK WHICH CONNECTS THE MAIN CITIES IN SWITZERLAND, WEST GERMANY, HOLLAND AND BELGIUM HAS BECOME THE PLAYGROUND OF THE MAIN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES...
...AND SINCE THE EDS WANTS TO ENTER THE GAME, WE ARE IN NEED OF A NEW OPERATIVE TO PLACE IN THE FIELD...
...A NEW "FACE", SOMEONE WHO'S NOT IN THE FILES OF ANY OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.
...
AFTER SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THIS JOB IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES...
...WE FINALLY CHOSE... YOU.
...
WE'RE ASKING YOU TO BECOME A, SHALL WE SAY... SECRET SECURITY OFFICER FOR EDS...?
IF YOU ACCEPT OUR OFFER, YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE REWARDED WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS...
...TO BE DEPOSITED IN A SECRET ACCOUNT THAT WILL BE OPENED FOR YOU IN ZURICH'S SWISS UNION BANK.
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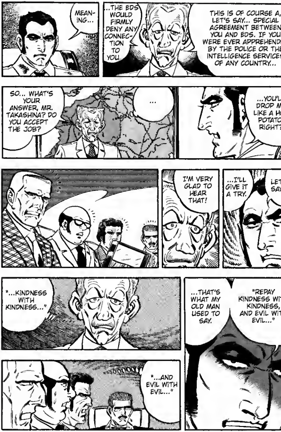
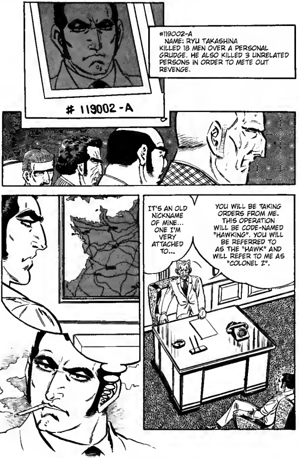

THIS IS OF COURSE A, LET'S SAY... SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND EDS. IF YOU WERE EVER APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE OR THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF ANY COUNTRY...
...THE EDS WOULD FIRMLY DENY ANY CONNECTION TO YOU.
MEANING...
...YOU'LL DROP ME LIKE A HOT POTATO, RIGHT?
...
SO... WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, MR. TAKASHINA? DO YOU ACCEPT THE JOB?
LET'S SAY...
...I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
I'M VERY GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
"REPAY KINDNESS WITH KINDNESS, AND EVIL WITH EVIL..."
...THAT'S WHAT MY OLD MAN USED TO SAY.
"...KINDNESS WITH KINDNESS..."
"...AND EVIL WITH EVIL..."



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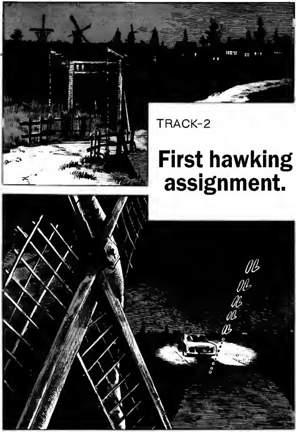
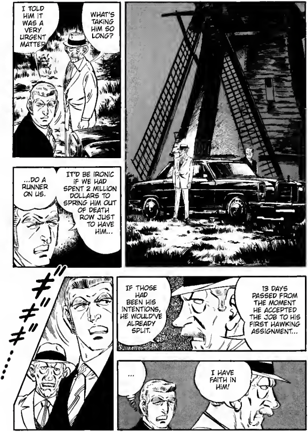
#119002-A NAME: RYU TAKASHINA KILLED 18 MEN OVER A PERSONAL GRUDGE. HE ALSO KILLED 3 UNRELATED PERSONS IN ORDER TO METE OUT REVENGE.
YOU WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FROM ME. THIS OPERATION WILL BE CODE-NAMED "HAWKING". YOU WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE "HAWK" AND WILL REFER TO ME AS "COLONEL Z".
IT'S AN OLD NICKNAME OF MINE... ONE I'M VERY ATTACHED TO...

TRACK-2

First hawking assignment.




WHAT'S TAKING HIM SO LONG?
I TOLD HIM IT WAS A VERY URGENT MATTER
IT'D BE IRONIC IF WE HAD SPENT 2 MILLION DOLLARS TO SPRING HIM OUT OF DEATH ROW JUST TO HAVE HIM...
...DO A RUNNER ON US.
13 DAYS PASSED FROM THE MOMENT HE ACCEPTED THE JOB TO HIS FIRST HAWKING ASSIGNMENT...
IF THOSE HAD BEEN HIS INTENTIONS, HE WOULD'VE ALREADY SPLIT.
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I HAVE FAITH IN HIM!
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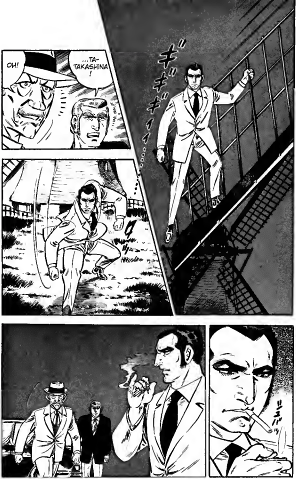
OH!
...TA-TAKASHINA!
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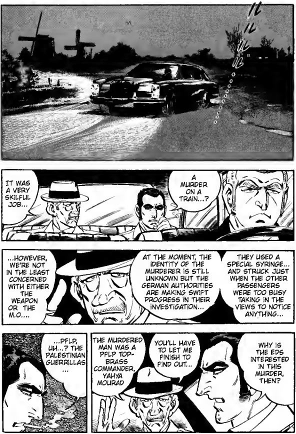
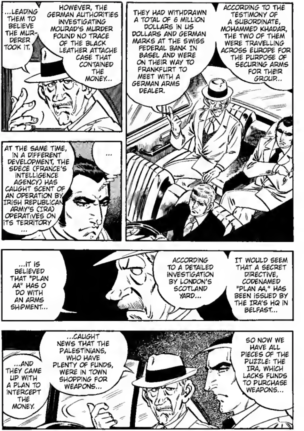
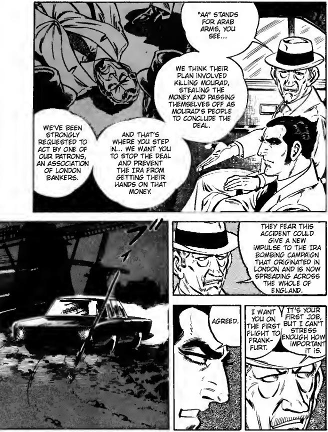
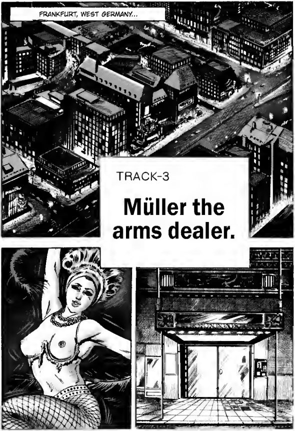

A MURDER ON A TRAIN...?
IT WAS A VERY SKILFUL JOB...
THEY USED A SPECIAL SYRINGE... AND STRUCK JUST WHEN THE OTHER PASSENGERS WERE TOO BUSY TAKING IN THE VIEWS TO NOTICE ANYTHING...
AT THE MOMENT, THE IDENTITY OF THE MURDERER IS STILL UNKNOWN BUT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING SWIFT PROGRESS IN THEIR INVESTIGATION...
...HOWEVER, WE'RE NOT IN THE LEAST CONCERNED WITH EITHER THE WEAPON OR THE M.O....
WHY IS THE EDS INTERESTED IN THIS MURDER, THEN?
YOU'LL HAVE TO LET ME FINISH TO FIND OUT...
THE MURDERED MAN WAS A PFLP TOP-BRASS COMMANDER, YAHYA MOURAD
...PFLP, UH...? THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS ...

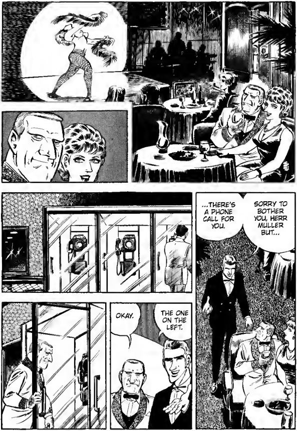

ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF A SUBORDINATE, MOHAMMED KHADAR, THE TWO OF THEM WERE TRAVELLING ACROSS EUROPE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING ARMS FOR THEIR GROUP...
THEY HAD WITHDRAWN A TOTAL OF 6 MILLION DOLLARS IN US DOLLARS AND GERMAN MARKS AT THE SWISS FEDERAL BANK IN BASEL AND WERE ON THEIR WAY TO FRANKFURT TO MEET WITH A GERMAN ARMS DEALER.
HOWEVER, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING MOURAD'S MURDER FOUND NO TRACE OF THE BLACK LEATHER ATTACHE CASE THAT CONTAINED THE MONEY...
...LEADING THEM TO BELIEVE THE MURDERER TOOK IT.
...
AT THE SAME TIME, IN A DIFFERENT DEVELOPMENT, THE SDECE (FRANCE'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) HAS CAUGHT SCENT OF AN OPERATION BY IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY'S (IRA) OPERATIVES ON ITS TERRITORY ...
IT WOULD SEEM THAT A SECRET DIRECTIVE, CODENAMED "PLAN AA," HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE IRA'S HQ IN BELFAST...
ACCORDING TO A DETAILED INVESTIGATION BY LONDON'S SCOTLAND YARD...
...IT IS BELIEVED THAT "PLAN AA" HAS O DO WITH AN ARMS SHIPMENT...
SO NOW WE HAVE ALL PIECES OF THE PUZZLE: THE IRA, WHICH LACKS FUNDS TO PURCHASE WEAPONS...
...CAUGHT NEWS THAT THE PALESTINIANS, WHO HAVE PLENTY OF FUNDS, WERE IN TOWN SHOPPING FOR WEAPONS...
...AND THEY CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO INTERCEPT THE MONEY.

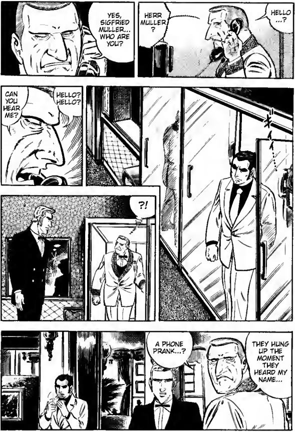

"AA" STANDS FOR ARAB ARMS, YOU SEE...
WE THINK THEIR PLAN INVOLVED KILLING MOURAD, STEALING THE MONEY AND PASSING THEMSELVES OFF AS MOURAD'S PEOPLE TO CONCLUDE THE DEAL.
WE'VE BEEN STRONGLY REQUESTED TO ACT BY ONE OF OUR PATRONS, AN ASSOCIATION OF LONDON BANKERS.
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU STEP IN... WE WANT YOU TO STOP THE DEAL AND PREVENT THE IRA FROM GETTING THEIR HANDS ON THAT MONEY.
THEY FEAR THIS ACCIDENT COULD GIVE A NEW IMPULSE TO THE IRA BOMBING CAMPAIGN THAT ORIGINATED IN LONDON AND IS NOW SPREADING ACROSS THE WHOLE OF ENGLAND.
AGREED.
I WANT YOU ON THE FIRST FLIGHT TO FRANKFURT.
IT'S YOUR FIRST JOB, BUT I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS.


FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY...

TRACK-3

Müller the arms dealer.


SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, HERR MULLER BUT...
...THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU.
THE ONE ON THE LEFT.
OKAY.


HELLO ...?
HERR MULLER ?
YES, SIGFRIED MULLER... WHO ARE YOU?
HELLO? HELLO?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
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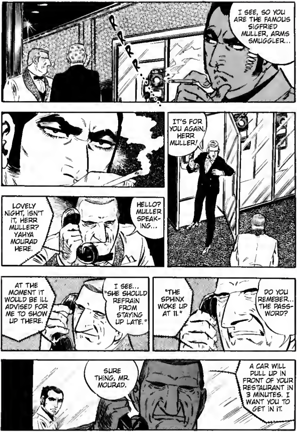
THEY HUNG UP THE MOMENT THEY HEARD MY NAME...
A PHONE PRANK...?


I SEE, SO YOU ARE THE FAMOUS SIGFRIED MULLER, ARMS SMUGGLER...
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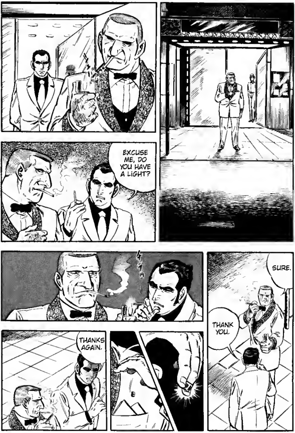
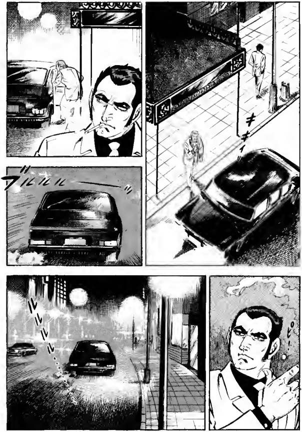
IT'S FOR YOU AGAIN, HERR MULLER!
HELLO? MULLER SPEAKING...
LOVELY NIGHT, ISN'T IT, HERR MULLER? YAHYA MOURAD HERE.
DO YOU REMEBER... THE PASSWORD?
"THE SPHINX WOKE UP AT 11."
I SEE... "SHE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM STAYING UP LATE."
AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE ILL ADVISED FOR ME TO SHOW UP THERE.
A CAR WILL PULL UP IN FRONT OF YOUR RESTAURANT IN 3 MINUTES. I WANT YOU TO GET IN IT.
SURE THING, MR. MOURAD.


EXCUSE ME, DO YOU HAVE A LIGHT?
SURE.
THANK YOU.
THANKS AGAIN.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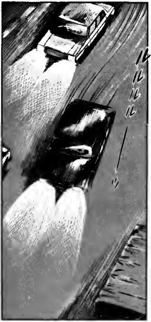
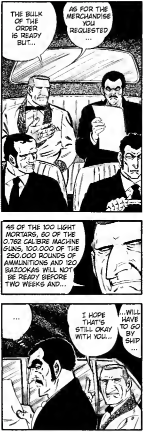
Shady dealings.




AS FOR THE MERCHANDISE YOU REQUESTED ...
THE BULK OF THE ORDER IS READY BUT...
45 OF THE 100 LIGHT MORTARS, 60 OF THE 0.762 CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS, 100.000 OF THE 250.000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS AND 120 BAZOOKAS WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE TWO WEEKS AND...
...WILL HAVE TO GO BY SHIP ...
I HOPE THAT'S STILL OKAY WITH YOU...
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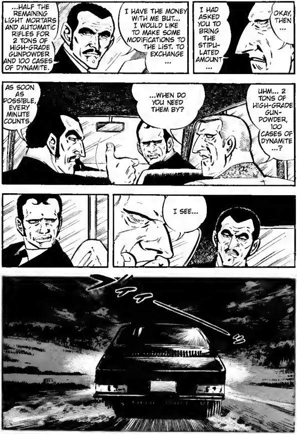
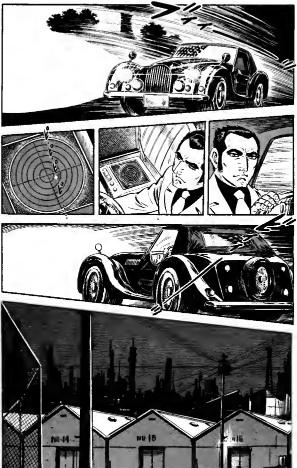

OKAY, THEN ...
I HAD ASKED YOU TO BRING THE STIPULATED AMOUNT ...
I HAVE THE MONEY WITH ME BUT... I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THE LIST. TO EXCHANGE ...
...HALF THE REMAINING LIGHT MORTARS AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES FOR 2 TONS OF HIGH-GRADE GUNPOWDER AND 100 CASES OF DYNAMITE.
UHM... 2 TONS OF HIGH-GRADE GUNPOWDER, 100 CASES OF DYNAMITE ...?
...WHEN DO YOU NEED THEM BY?
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.
I SEE...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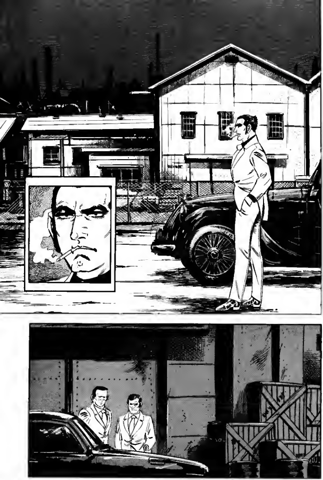
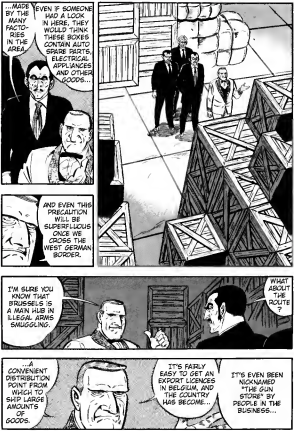
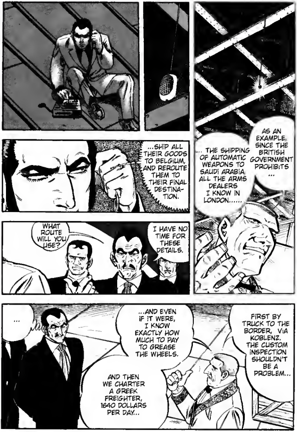



EVEN IF SOMEONE HAD A LOOK IN HERE, THEY WOULD THINK THESE BOXES CONTAIN AUTO SPARE PARTS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND OTHER GOODS...
...MADE BY THE MANY FACTORIES IN THE AREA.
AND EVEN THIS PRECAUTION WILL BE SUPERFLUOUS ONCE WE CROSS THE WEST GERMAN BORDER.
WHAT ABOUT THE ROUTE?
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT BRUSSELS IS A MAIN HUB IN ILLEGAL ARMS SMUGGLING.
IT'S EVEN BEEN NICKNAMED "THE GUN STORE" BY PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS...
IT'S FAIRLY EASY TO GET AN EXPORT LICENCES IN BELGIUM, AND THE COUNTRY HAS BECOME...
...A CONVENIENT DISTRIBUTION POINT FROM WHICH TO SHIP LARGE AMOUNTS OF GOODS.


AS AN EXAMPLE, SINCE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS ...
... THE SHIPPING OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TO SAUDI ARABIA ALL THE ARMS DEALERS I KNOW IN LONDON......
...SHIP ALL THEIR GOODS TO BELGIUM, AND REROUTE THEM TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.
I HAVE NO TIME FOR THESE DETAILS.
WHAT ROUTE WILL YOU USE?
FIRST BY TRUCK TO THE BORDER, VIA KOBLENZ. THE CUSTOM INSPECTION SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM...
...AND EVEN IF IT WERE, I KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH TO PAY TO GREASE THE WHEELS.
AND THEN WE CHARTER A GREEK FREIGHTER, 1640 DOLLARS PER DAY...
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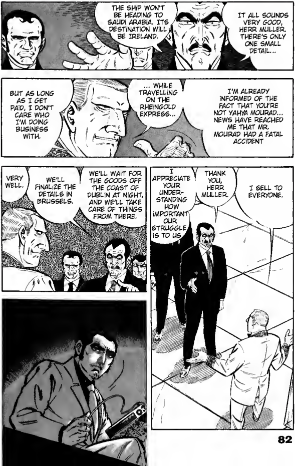
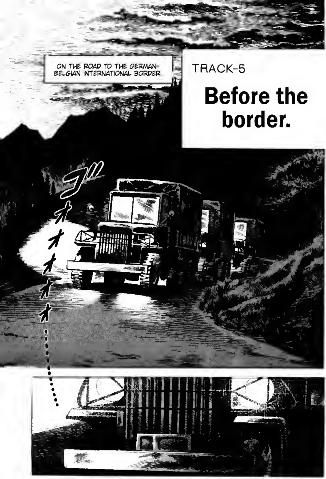

IT ALL SOUNDS VERY GOOD, HERR MULLER. THERE'S ONLY ONE SMALL DETAIL...
THE SHIP WON'T BE HEADING TO SAUDI ARABIA. ITS DESTINATION WILL BE IRELAND.
I'M ALREADY INFORMED OF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOT YAHYA MOURAD... NEWS HAVE REACHED ME THAT MR. MOURAD HAD A FATAL ACCIDENT
... WHILE TRAVELLING ON THE RHEINGOLD EXPRESS...
BUT AS LONG AS I GET PAID, I DON'T CARE WHO I'M DOING BUSINESS WITH.
I SELL TO EVERYONE.
THANK YOU, HERR MULLER.
I APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT OUR STRUGGLE IS TO US.
WE'LL WAIT FOR THE GOODS OFF THE COAST OF DUBLIN AT NIGHT, AND WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS FROM THERE.
WE'LL FINALIZE THE DETAILS IN BRUSSELS.
VERY WELL.

TRACK-5

Before the border.


ON THE ROAD TO THE GERMAN-BELGIAN INTERNATIONAL BORDER
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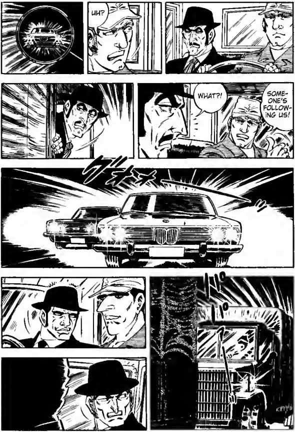
UH?
WHAT?!
SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING US!
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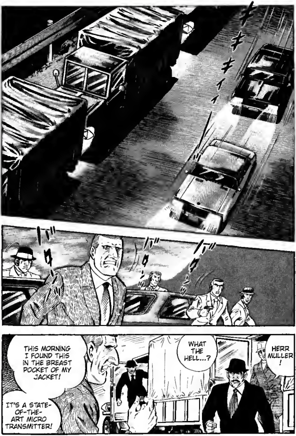
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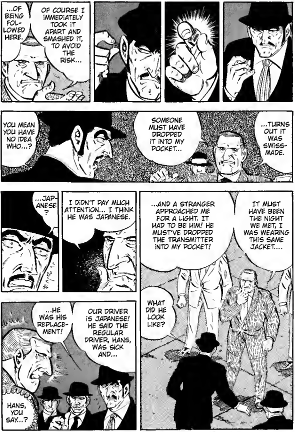
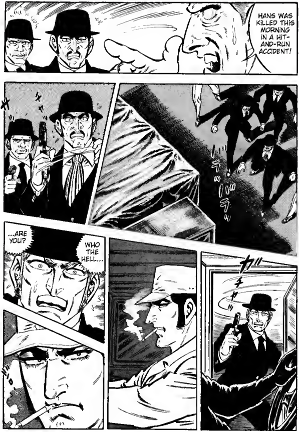
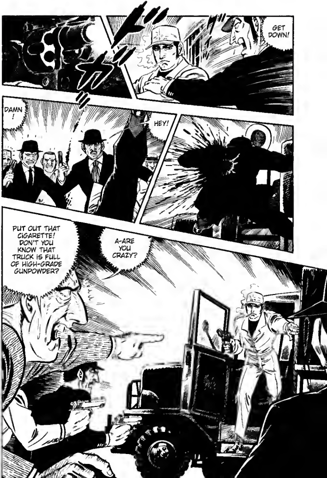
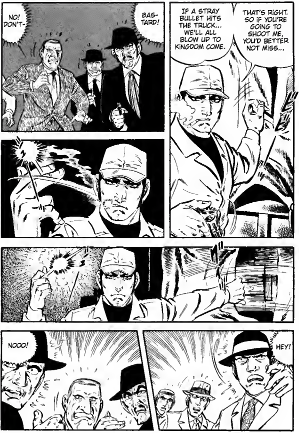
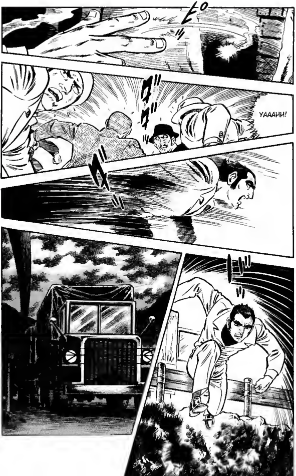
HERR MULLER!
WHAT THE HELL...?
THIS MORNING I FOUND THIS IN THE BREAST POCKET OF MY JACKET!
IT'S A STATE-OF-THE-ART MICRO TRANSMITTER!


OF COURSE I IMMEDIATELY TOOK IT APART AND SMASHED IT, TO AVOID THE RISK...
...OF BEING FOLLOWED HERE.
...TURNS OUT IT WAS SWISS-MADE.
SOMEONE MUST HAVE DROPPED IT INTO MY POCKET...
YOU MEAN YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO...?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE NIGHT WE MET, I WAS WEARING THIS SAME JACKET....
...AND A STRANGER APPROACHED ME FOR A LIGHT. IT HAD TO BE HIM! HE MUST'VE DROPPED THE TRANSMITTER INTO MY POCKET!
WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
I DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION... I THINK HE WAS JAPANESE.
...JAPANESE?
OUR DRIVER IS JAPANESE! HE SAID THE REGULAR DRIVER, HANS, WAS SICK AND...
...HE WAS HIS REPLACEMENT!
HANS, YOU SAY...?


HANS WAS KILLED THIS MORNING IN A HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT!
WHO THE HELL...
...ARE YOU?


GET DOWN!
HEY!
DAMN !
PUT OUT THAT CIGARETTE! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT TRUCK IS FULL OF HIGH-GRADE GUNPOWDER?
A-ARE YOU CRAZY?


NO! DON'T-
BAS-TARD!
IF A STRAY BULLET HITS THE TRUCK... WE'LL ALL BLOW UP TO KINGDOM COME.
THAT'S RIGHT. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT ME, YOU'D BETTER NOT MISS...
NOOO!
HEY!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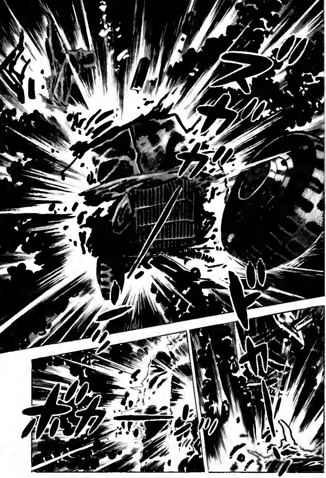
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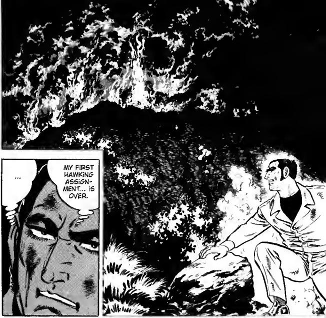
MY FIRST HAWKING ASSIGNMENT... IS OVER.
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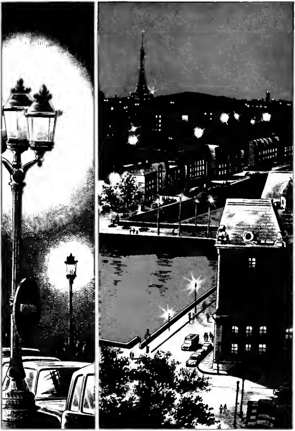
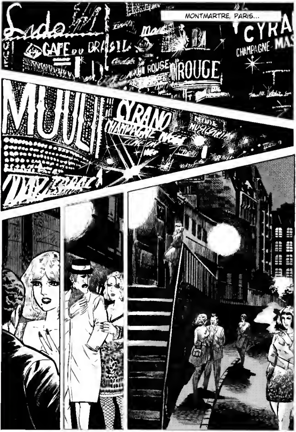
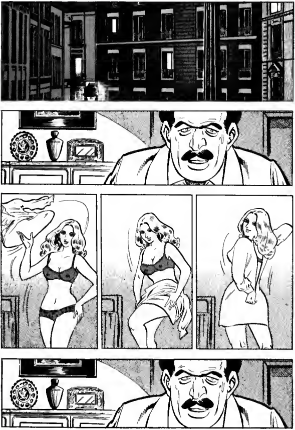
ASSIGNMENT 2: END.

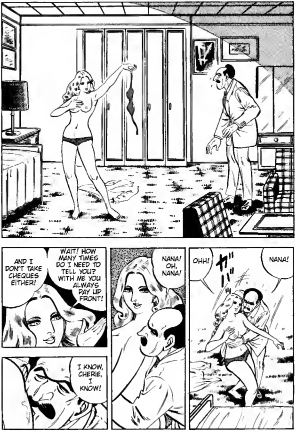
Assignment 3

Operation Mad Gear.




MONTMARTRE, PARIS...
Lido
CAFE DU BRASIL
MOULIN ROUGE
ROUGE
CYRA
CHAMPAGNE
CYRANO
CHAMPAGNE




AND I DON'T TAKE CHEQUES EITHER!
WAIT! HOW MANY TIMES DO I NEED TO TELL YOU? WITH ME YOU ALWAYS PAY UP FRONT!
I KNOW, CHERIE, I KNOW!
NANA! OH, NANA!
OHH!
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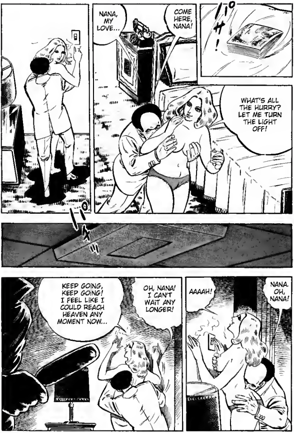
NANA!


NANA, MY LOVE...
COME HERE, NANA!
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WHAT'S ALL THE HURRY? LET ME TURN THE LIGHT OFF!
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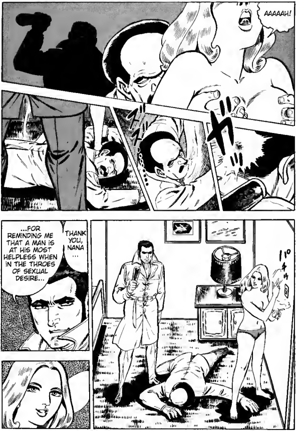
KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING! I FEEL LIKE I COULD REACH HEAVEN ANY MOMENT NOW...
OH, NANA! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!
AAAAH!
NANA. OH, NANA!


AAAAAH!
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THANK YOU, NANA ...
...FOR REMINDING ME THAT A MAN IS AT HIS MOST HELPLESS WHEN IN THE THROES OF SEXUAL DESIRE...
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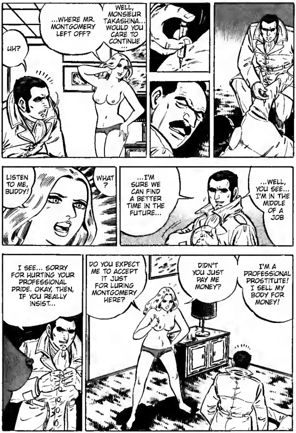
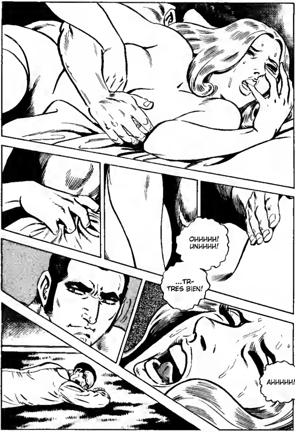
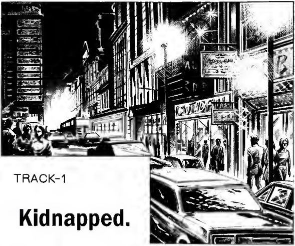
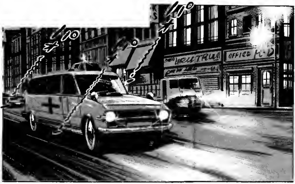

WELL, MONSIEUR TAKASHINA... WOULD YOU CARE TO CONTINUE ...
...WHERE MR. MONTGOMERY LEFT OFF?
UH?
...WELL, YOU SEE... I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOB
...I'M SURE WE CAN FIND A BETTER TIME IN THE FUTURE...
WHAT?
LISTEN TO ME, BUDDY!
I'M A PROFESSIONAL PROSTITUTE! I SELL MY BODY FOR MONEY!
DIDN'T YOU JUST PAY ME MONEY?
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO ACCEPT IT JUST FOR LURING MONTGOMERY HERE?
I SEE... SORRY FOR HURTING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PRIDE. OKAY, THEN, IF YOU REALLY INSIST...

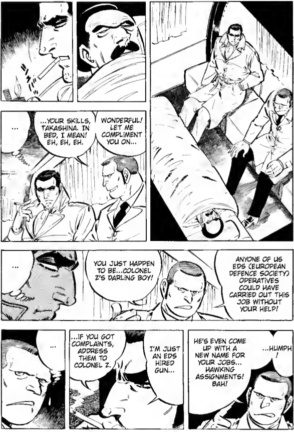

OHHHHH! UNHHHH!
...TR- TRES BIEN!
AHHHHH!

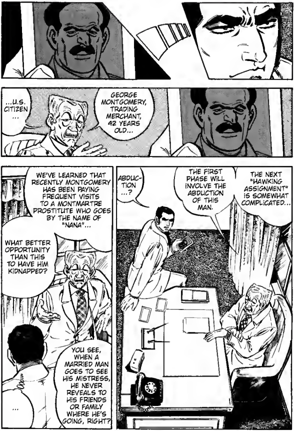


TRACK-1

Kidnapped.




WONDERFUL! LET ME COMPLIMENT YOU ON...
...YOUR SKILLS, TAKASHINA. IN BED, I MEAN! EH, EH, EH.
...
ANYONE OF US EDS (EUROPEAN DEFENCE SOCIETY) OPERATIVES COULD HAVE CARRIED OUT THIS JOB WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
YOU JUST HAPPEN TO BE...COLONEL Z'S DARLING BOY!
...
...HUMPH!
HE'S EVEN COME UP WITH A NEW NAME FOR YOUR JOBS... HAWKING ASSIGNMENTS! BAH!
I'M JUST AN EDS HIRED GUN...
...IF YOU GOT COMPLAINTS, ADDRESS THEM TO COLONEL Z.
...


GEORGE MONTGOMERY, TRADING MERCHANT, 42 YEARS OLD...
...U.S. CITIZEN ...
THE NEXT "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT" IS SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED...
THE FIRST PHASE WILL INVOLVE THE ABDUCTION OF THIS MAN.
ABDUCTION ...?
WE'VE LEARNED THAT RECENTLY MONTGOMERY HAS BEEN PAYING FREQUENT VISITS TO A MONTMARTRE PROSTITUTE WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF "NANA"...
WHAT BETTER OPPORTUNITY THAN THIS TO HAVE HIM KIDNAPPED?
YOU SEE, WHEN A MARRIED MAN GOES TO SEE HIS MISTRESS, HE NEVER REVEALS TO HIS FRIENDS OR FAMILY WHERE HE'S GOING, RIGHT?
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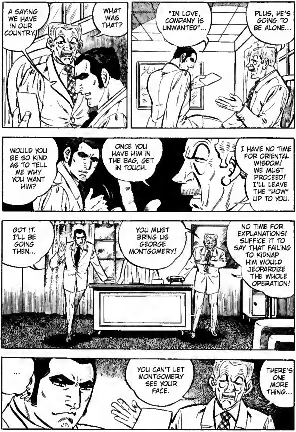
WHAT WAS THAT?
A SAYING WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRY.
"IN LOVE, COMPANY IS UNWANTED"...
PLUS, HE'S GOING TO BE ALONE...
I HAVE NO TIME FOR ORIENTAL WISDOM! WE MUST PROCEED! I'LL LEAVE THE "HOW" UP TO YOU.
ONCE YOU HAVE HIM IN THE BAG, GET IN TOUCH.
WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO TELL ME WHY YOU WANT HIM?
NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS! SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT FAILING TO KIDNAP HIM WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE WHOLE OPERATION!
YOU MUST BRING US GEORGE MONTGOMERY!
GOT IT. I'LL BE GOING THEN...
THERE'S ONE MORE THING...
YOU CAN'T LET MONTGOMERY SEE YOUR FACE.
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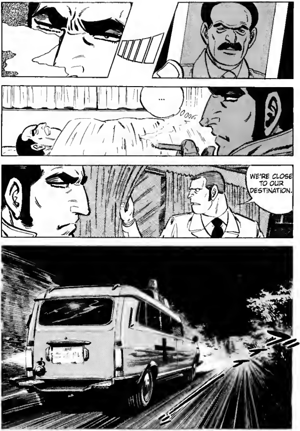
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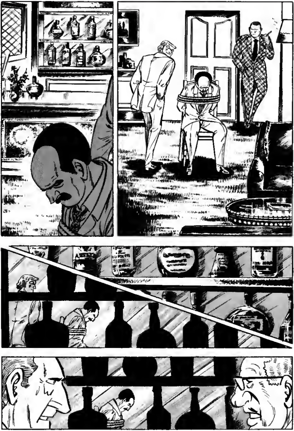
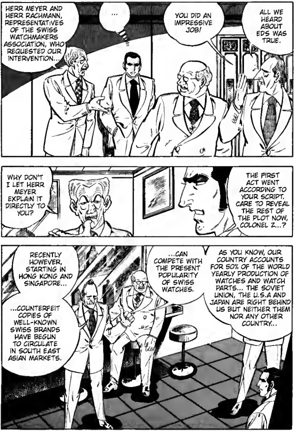
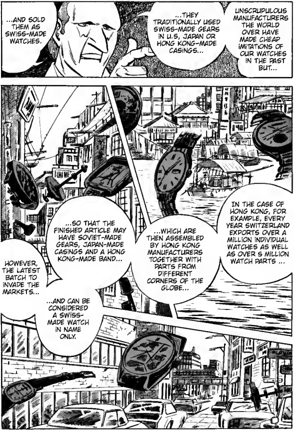
OOOOO
WE'RE CLOSE TO OUR DESTINATION.

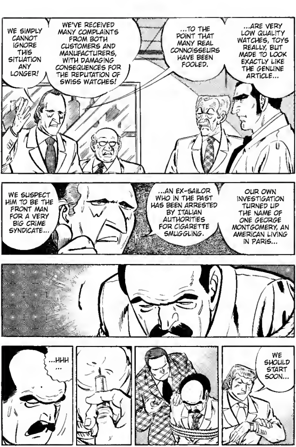
TRACK-2

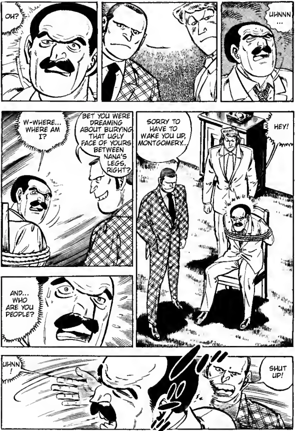
The curtain goes up!




ALL WE HEARD ABOUT EDS WAS TRUE.
YOU DID AN IMPRESSIVE JOB!
...
HERR MEYER AND HERR RACHMANN, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWISS WATCHMAKERS ASSOCIATION, WHO REQUESTED OUR INTERVENTION...
THE FIRST ACT WENT ACCORDING TO YOUR SCRIPT. CARE TO REVEAL THE REST OF THE PLOT NOW, COLONEL Z...?
WHY DON'T I LET HERR MEYER EXPLAIN IT DIRECTLY TO YOU?
AS YOU KNOW, OUR COUNTRY ACCOUNTS FOR 50% OF THE WORLD YEARLY PRODUCTION OF WATCHES AND WATCH PARTS... THE SOVIET UNION, THE U.S.A AND JAPAN ARE RIGHT BEHIND US BUT NEITHER THEM NOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY...
...CAN COMPETE WITH THE PRESENT POPULARITY OF SWISS WATCHES.
RECENTLY HOWEVER, STARTING IN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE...
...COUNTERFEIT COPIES OF WELL-KNOWN SWISS BRANDS HAVE BEGUN TO CIRCULATE IN SOUTH EAST ASIAN MARKETS.


UNSCRUPULOUS MANUFACTURERS THE WORLD OVER HAVE MADE CHEAP IMITATIONS OF OUR WATCHES IN THE PAST BUT...
...THEY TRADITIONALLY USED SWISS-MADE GEARS IN U.S, JAPAN OR HONG KONG-MADE CASINGS...
...AND SOLD THEM AS SWISS-MADE WATCHES.
IN THE CASE OF HONG KONG, FOR EXAMPLE, EVERY YEAR SWITZERLAND EXPORTS OVER A MILLION INDIVIDUAL WATCHES AS WELL AS OVER 5 MILLION WATCH PARTS ...
...WHICH ARE THEN ASSEMBLED BY HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS TOGETHER WITH PARTS FROM DIFFERENT CORNERS OF THE GLOBE...
...SO THAT THE FINISHED ARTICLE MAY HAVE SOVIET-MADE GEARS, JAPAN-MADE CASINGS AND A HONG KONG-MADE BAND...
...AND CAN BE CONSIDERED A SWISS-MADE WATCH IN NAME ONLY.
HOWEVER, THE LATEST BATCH TO INVADE THE MARKETS...


...ARE VERY LOW QUALITY WATCHES, TOYS REALLY, BUT MADE TO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE GENUINE ARTICLE...
...TO THE POINT THAT MANY REAL CONNOISSEURS HAVE BEEN FOOLED.
WE'VE RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS FROM BOTH CUSTOMERS AND MANUFACTURERS, WITH DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REPUTATION OF SWISS WATCHES!
WE SIMPLY CANNOT IGNORE THIS SITUATION ANY LONGER!
OUR OWN INVESTIGATION TURNED UP THE NAME OF ONE GEORGE MONTGOMERY, AN AMERICAN LIVING IN PARIS...
...AN EX-SAILOR WHO IN THE PAST HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR CIGARETTE SMUGGLING.
WE SUSPECT HIM TO BE THE FRONT MAN FOR A VERY BIG CRIME SYNDICATE...
WE SHOULD START SOON...
...HHH
...


UHNNN
...
OH?
HEY!
SORRY TO WAKE YOU UP, MONTGOMERY...
W-WHERE... WHERE AM I?
BET YOU WERE DREAMING ABOUT BURYING THAT UGLY FACE OF YOURS BETWEEN NANA'S LEGS, RIGHT?
AND... WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
SHUT UP!
UHNN
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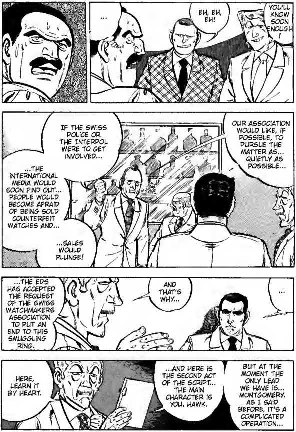
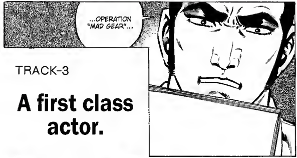
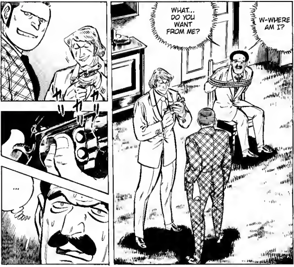
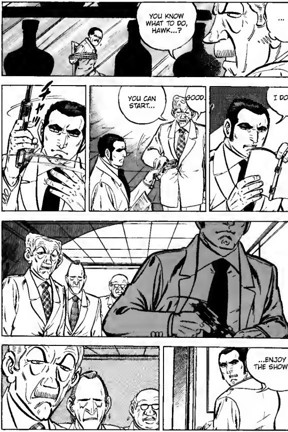

...
EH, EH, EH!
YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!
IF THE SWISS POLICE OR THE INTERPOL WERE TO GET INVOLVED...
...THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WOULD SOON FIND OUT... PEOPLE WOULD BECOME AFRAID OF BEING SOLD COUNTERFEIT WATCHES AND...
...SALES WOULD PLUNGE!
OUR ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO PURSUE THE MATTER AS... QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE...
...THE EDS HAS ACCEPTED THE REQUEST OF THE SWISS WATCHMAKERS ASSOCIATION TO PUT AN END TO THIS SMUGGLING RING.
AND THAT'S WHY...
...
HERE, LEARN IT BY HEART.
...AND HERE IS THE SECOND ACT OF THE SCRIPT... THE MAIN CHARACTER IS YOU, HAWK.
BUT AT THE MOMENT THE ONLY LEAD WE HAVE IS... MONTGOMERY. AS I SAID BEFORE, IT'S A COMPLICATED OPERATION...


...OPERATION "MAD GEAR"...

TRACK-3

A first class actor.


WHAT... DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
W-WHERE AM I?
...


...
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, HAWK...?
I DO.
GOOD.
YOU CAN START...
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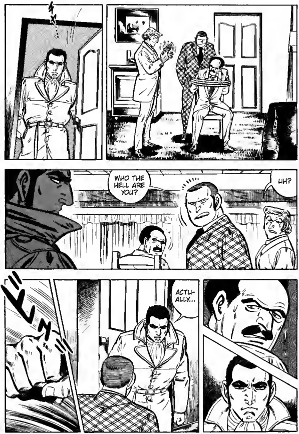
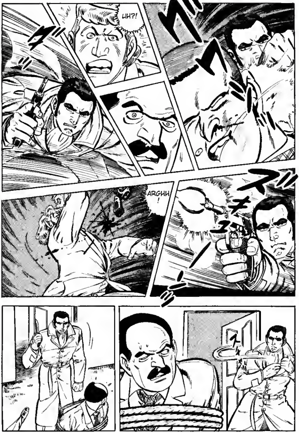
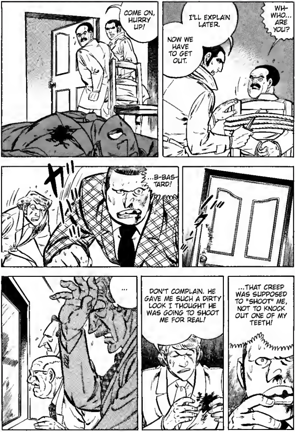
...ENJOY THE SHOW!


UH?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
ACTUALLY...


UH?!
ARGHH!


WH-WHO... ARE YOU?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.
NOW WE HAVE TO GET OUT.
COME ON, HURRY UP!
...B-BASTARD!
...THAT CREEP WAS SUPPOSED TO "SHOOT" ME, NOT TO KNOCK OUT ONE OF MY TEETH!
DON'T COMPLAIN. HE GAVE ME SUCH A DIRTY LOOK I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT ME FOR REAL!
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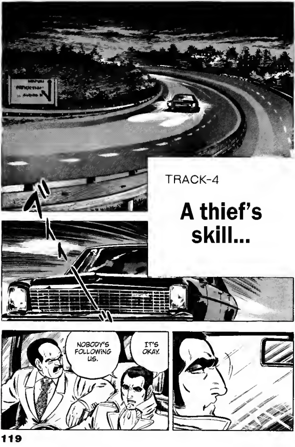
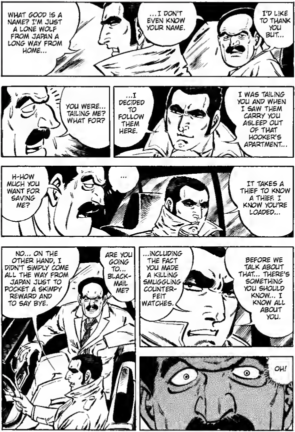
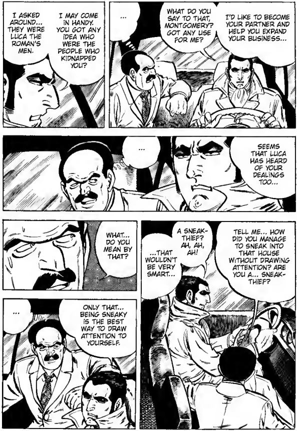
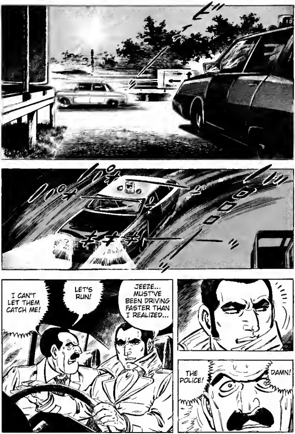
TRACK-4

A thief's skill...


NOBODY'S FOLLOWING US.
IT'S OKAY.


I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU BUT...
...I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.
WHAT GOOD IS A NAME? I'M JUST A LONE WOLF FROM JAPAN A LONG WAY FROM HOME...
I WAS TAILING YOU AND WHEN I SAW THEM CARRY YOU ASLEEP OUT OF THAT HOOKER'S APARTMENT...
...I DECIDED TO FOLLOW THEM HERE.
YOU WERE... TAILING ME? WHAT FOR?
IT TAKES A THIEF TO KNOW A THIEF. I KNOW YOU'RE LOADED...
...
H-HOW MUCH YOU WANT FOR SAVING ME?
BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT THAT... THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW... I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU.
...INCLUDING THE FACT YOU MADE A KILLING SMUGGLING COUNTERFEIT WATCHES.
OH!
ARE YOU GOING TO... BLACKMAIL ME?
NO... ON THE OTHER HAND, I DIDN'T SIMPLY COME ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN JUST TO POCKET A SKIMPY REWARD AND TO SAY BYE.


I ASKED AROUND... THEY WERE LUCA THE ROMAN'S MEN.
I MAY COME IN HANDY. YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHO WERE THE PEOPLE WHO KIDNAPPED YOU?
...
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT, MONTGOMERY? GOT ANY USE FOR ME?
I'D LIKE TO BECOME YOUR PARTNER AND HELP YOU EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS...
...
SEEMS THAT LUCA HAS HEARD OF YOUR DEALINGS TOO...
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
...
ONLY THAT... BEING SNEAKY IS THE BEST WAY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF.
TELL ME... HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SNEAK INTO THAT HOUSE WITHOUT DRAWING ATTENTION? ARE YOU A... SNEAK-THIEF?
A SNEAK-THIEF? AH, AH, AH!
...THAT WOULDN'T BE VERY SMART...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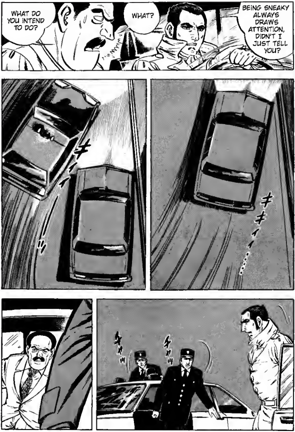
THE POLICE!
DAMN!
JEEZE... MUST'VE BEEN DRIVING FASTER THAN I REALIZED...
LET'S RUN!
I CAN'T LET THEM CATCH ME!


WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
WHAT?
BEING SNEAKY ALWAYS DRAWS ATTENTION, DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU?
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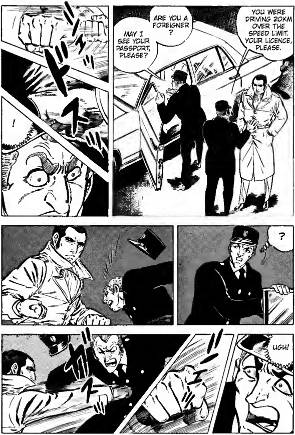
YOU WERE DRIVING 20KM OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. YOUR LICENCE, PLEASE.
ARE YOU A FOREIGNER ?
MAY I SEE YOUR PASSPORT, PLEASE?
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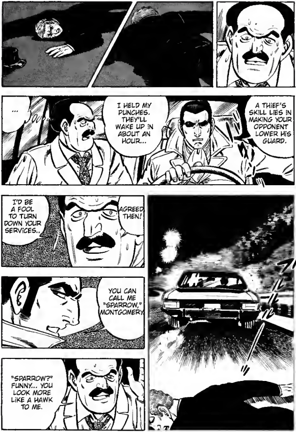
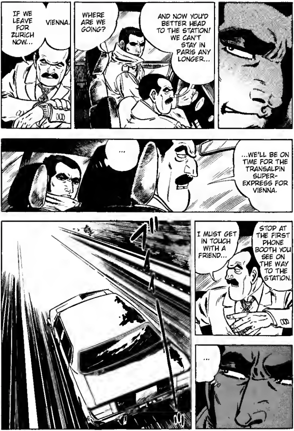

...
I HELD MY PUNCHES. THEY'LL WAKE UP IN ABOUT AN HOUR...
A THIEF'S SKILL LIES IN MAKING YOUR OPPONENT LOWER HIS GUARD.
I'D BE A FOOL TO TURN DOWN YOUR SERVICES..
AGREED, THEN!
YOU CAN CALL ME "SPARROW," MONTGOMERY.
"SPARROW?" FUNNY... YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A HAWK TO ME.


AND NOW YOU'D BETTER HEAD TO THE STATION! WE CAN'T STAY IN PARIS ANY LONGER...
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
VIENNA.
IF WE LEAVE FOR ZURICH NOW...
...WE'LL BE ON TIME FOR THE TRANSALPIN SUPER-EXPRESS FOR VIENNA.
...
STOP AT THE FIRST PHONE BOOTH YOU SEE ON THE WAY TO THE STATION.
I MUST GET IN TOUCH WITH A FRIEND...
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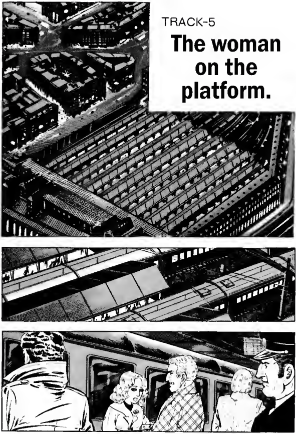
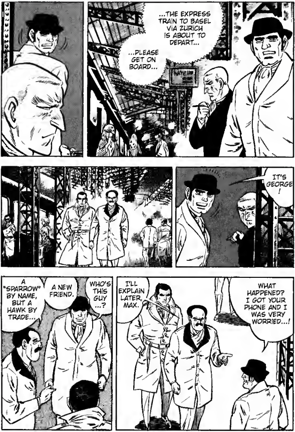
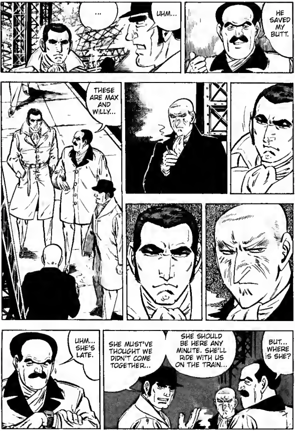
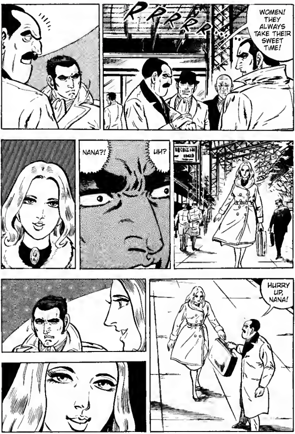
TRACK-5

The woman on the platform.




...THE EXPRESS TRAIN TO BASEL VIA ZURICH IS ABOUT TO DEPART...
...PLEASE GET ON BOARD...
IT'S GEORGE!
WHAT HAPPENED? I GOT YOUR PHONE AND I WAS VERY WORRIED...!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, MAX.
WHO'S THIS GUY ...?
A NEW FRIEND.
A "SPARROW" BY NAME, BUT A HAWK BY TRADE...


...
UHM...
HE SAVED MY BUTT.
THESE ARE MAX AND WILLY...
UHM... SHE'S LATE.
SHE MUST'VE THOUGHT WE DIDN'T COME TOGETHER...
SHE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE. SHE'LL RIDE WITH US ON THE TRAIN...
BUT... WHERE IS SHE?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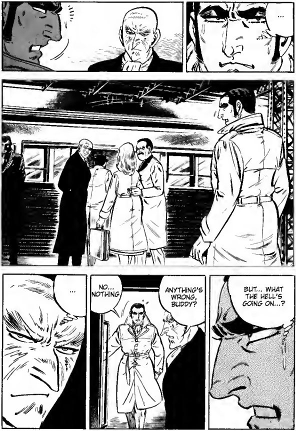
WOMEN! THEY ALWAYS TAKE THEIR SWEET TIME!
NANA?!
UH?
HURRY UP, NANA!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BUT... WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON...?
ANYTHING'S WRONG, BUDDY?
NO... NOTHING.
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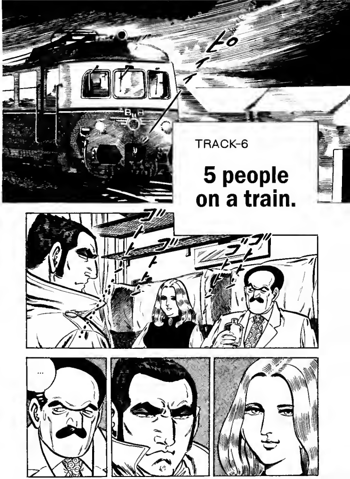
TRACK-6

5 people on a train.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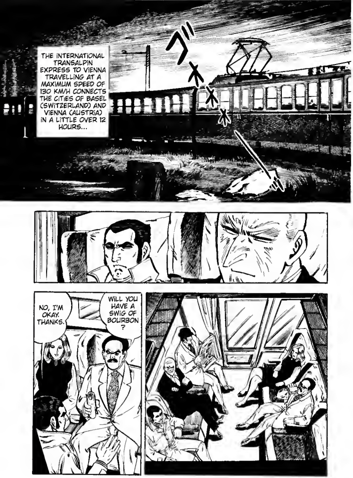
THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSALPIN EXPRESS TO VIENNA TRAVELLING AT A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 130 KM/H CONNECTS THE CITIES OF BASEL (SWITZERLAND) AND VIENNA (AUSTRIA) IN A LITTLE OVER 12 HOURS...
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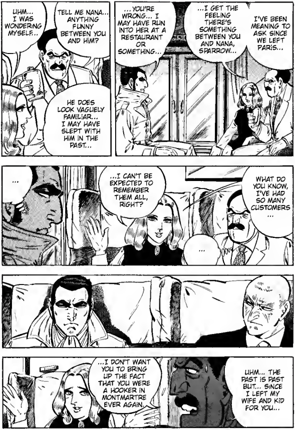
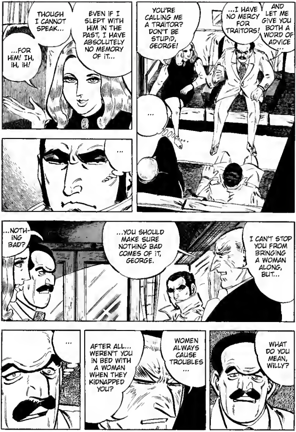
WILL YOU HAVE A SWIG OF BOURBON?
NO, I'M OKAY. THANKS.


I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK SINCE WE LEFT PARIS...
...I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU AND NANA, SPARROW...
...YOU'RE WRONG... I MAY HAVE RUN INTO HER AT A RESTAURANT OR SOMETHING...
TELL ME NANA... ANYTHING FUNNY BETWEEN YOU AND HIM?
UHM... I WAS WONDERING MYSELF...
HE DOES LOOK VAGUELY FAMILIAR... I MAY HAVE SLEPT WITH HIM IN THE PAST...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD SO MANY CUSTOMERS...
...
...I CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO REMEMBER THEM ALL, RIGHT?
...
UHM... THE PAST IS PAST BUT... SINCE I LEFT MY WIFE AND KID FOR YOU...
...I DON'T WANT YOU TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT YOU WERE A HOOKER IN MONTMARTRE EVER AGAIN.


AND LET ME GIVE YOU BOTH A WORD OF ADVICE...
...I HAVE NO MERCY FOR TRAITORS!
YOU'RE CALLING ME A TRAITOR? DON'T BE STUPID, GEORGE!
EVEN IF I SLEPT WITH HIM IN THE PAST, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO MEMORY OF IT...
THOUGH I CANNOT SPEAK...
...FOR HIM! IH, IH, IH!
...
...
I CAN'T STOP YOU FROM BRINGING A WOMAN ALONG, BUT...
...YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD COMES OF IT, GEORGE.
...NOTHING BAD?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WILLY?
WOMEN ALWAYS CAUSE TROUBLES...
AFTER ALL... WEREN'T YOU IN BED WITH A WOMAN WHEN THEY KIDNAPPED YOU?
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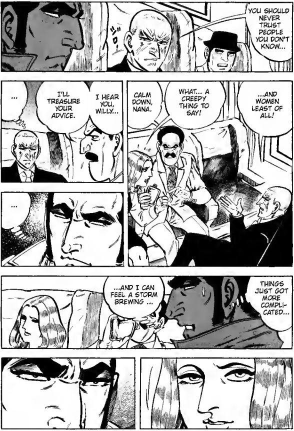
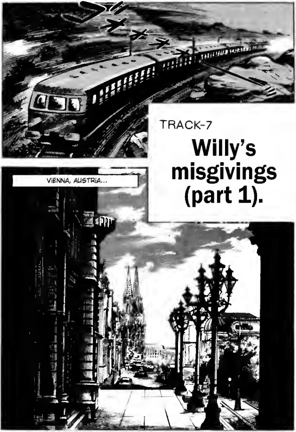
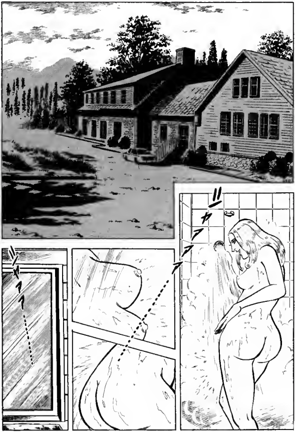

YOU SHOULD NEVER TRUST PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW...
...AND WOMEN LEAST OF ALL!
WHAT... A CREEPY THING TO SAY!
CALM DOWN, NANA.
I HEAR YOU, WILLY...
I'LL TREASURE YOUR ADVICE.
...
...
THINGS JUST GOT MORE COMPLICATED...
...AND I CAN FEEL A STORM BREWING ...

TRACK-7

Willy's misgivings (part 1).


VIENNA, AUSTRIA...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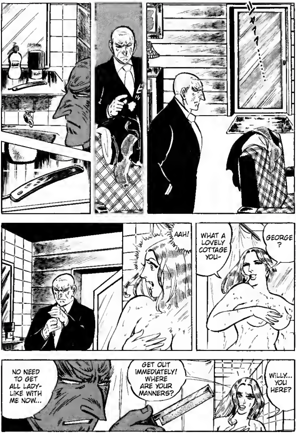
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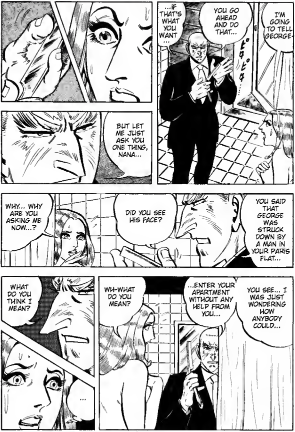
GEORGE ?
WHAT A LOVELY COTTAGE YOU-
AAH!
WILLY... YOU HERE?
GET OUT IMMEDIATELY! WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?
NO NEED TO GET ALL LADY-LIKE WITH ME NOW...


I'M GOING TO TELL GEORGE-
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YOU GO AHEAD AND DO THAT...
...IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
BUT LET ME JUST ASK YOU ONE THING, NANA...
YOU SAID THAT GEORGE WAS STRUCK DOWN BY A MAN IN YOUR PARIS FLAT...
DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?
WHY... WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME NOW...?
YOU SEE... I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW ANYBODY COULD...
...ENTER YOUR APARTMENT WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM YOU...
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK I MEAN?
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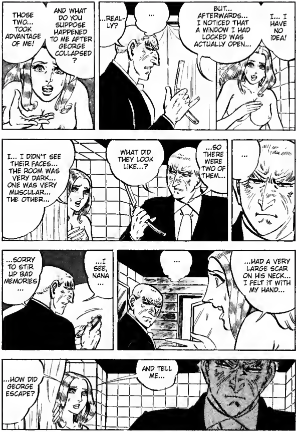
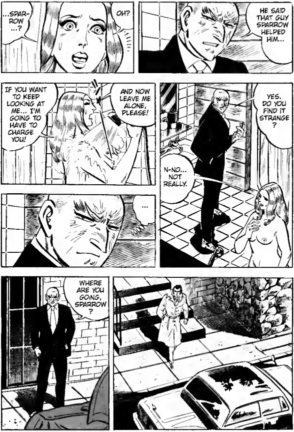
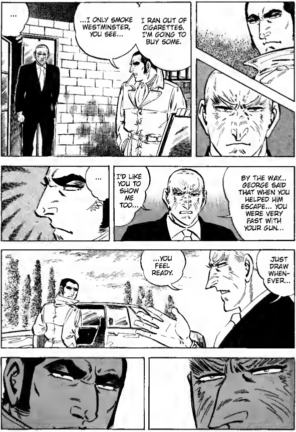
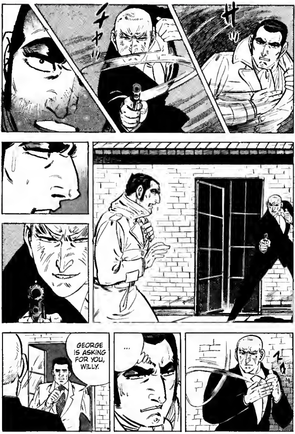

I... I HAVE NO IDEA!
BUT... AFTERWARDS... I NOTICED THAT A WINDOW I HAD LOCKED WAS ACTUALLY OPEN...
...
...REAL-LY?
AND WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED TO ME AFTER GEORGE COLLAPSED?
THOSE TWO... TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ME!
...
...SO THERE WERE TWO OF THEM...
WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE...?
I... I DIDN'T SEE THEIR FACES... THE ROOM WAS VERY DARK... ONE WAS VERY MUSCULAR... THE OTHER...
...HAD A VERY LARGE SCAR ON HIS NECK... I FELT IT WITH MY HAND...
...
...I SEE, NANA...
...SORRY TO STIR UP BAD MEMORIES...
AND TELL ME...
...HOW DID GEORGE ESCAPE?


...SPARROW ...?
OH?
HE SAID THAT GUY SPARROW HELPED HIM...
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP LOOKING AT ME... I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHARGE YOU!
AND NOW LEAVE ME ALONE, PLEASE!
YES. DO YOU FIND IT STRANGE?
N-NO... NOT REALLY.
...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SPARROW?


I RAN OUT OF CIGARETTES. I'M GOING TO BUY SOME.
...I ONLY SMOKE WESTMINSTER, YOU SEE...
...
BY THE WAY... GEORGE SAID THAT WHEN YOU HELPED HIM ESCAPE... YOU WERE VERY FAST WITH YOUR GUN...
I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOW ME TOO...
...
JUST DRAW WHEN-EVER...
...YOU FEEL READY.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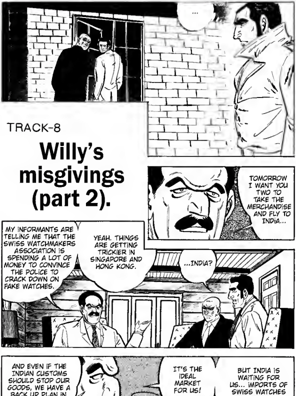
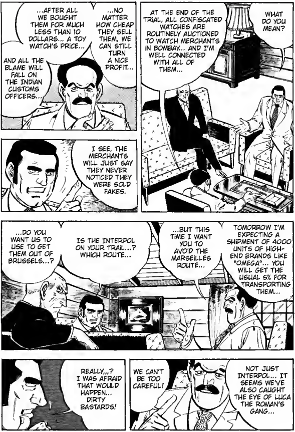
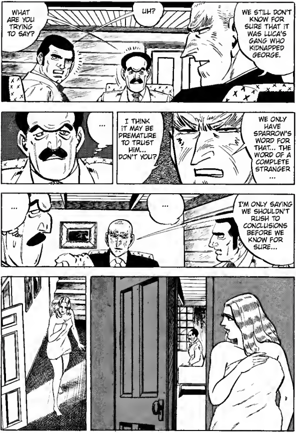
GEORGE IS ASKING FOR YOU, WILLY.

TRACK-8

Willy's misgivings (part 2).


...
TOMORROW I WANT YOU TWO TO TAKE THE MERCHANDISE AND FLY TO INDIA...
...INDIA?
YEAH. THINGS ARE GETTING TRICKIER IN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG.
MY INFORMANTS ARE TELLING ME THAT THE SWISS WATCHMAKERS ASSOCIATION IS SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO CONVINCE THE POLICE TO CRACK DOWN ON FAKE WATCHES.
BUT INDIA IS WAITING FOR US... IMPORTS OF SWISS WATCHES ARE FORBIDDEN SO EVERYONE WANTS THEM!
IT'S THE IDEAL MARKET FOR US!
AND EVEN IF THE INDIAN CUSTOMS SHOULD STOP OUR GOODS, WE HAVE A BACK UP PLAN IN PLACE AND WE'D STILL MAKE HUGE PROFITS!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AT THE END OF THE TRIAL, ALL CONFISCATED WATCHES ARE ROUTINELY AUCTIONED TO WATCH MERCHANTS IN BOMBAY... AND I'M WELL CONNECTED WITH ALL OF THEM...
...AFTER ALL WE BOUGHT THEM FOR MUCH LESS THAN 10 DOLLARS... A TOY WATCH'S PRICE...
...NO MATTER HOW CHEAP THEY SELL THEM, WE CAN STILL TURN A NICE PROFIT...
AND ALL THE BLAME WILL FALL ON THE INDIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS...
I SEE, THE MERCHANTS WILL JUST SAY THEY NEVER NOTICED THEY WERE SOLD FAKES.
TOMORROW I'M EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF 4000 UNITS OF HIGH-END BRANDS LIKE "OMEGA"... YOU WILL GET THE USUAL 5% FOR TRANSPORTING THEM...
...BUT THIS TIME I WANT YOU TO AVOID THE MARSEILLES ROUTE...
IS THE INTERPOL ON YOUR TRAIL...? WHICH ROUTE...
...DO YOU WANT US TO USE TO GET THEM OUT OF BRUSSELS...?
NOT JUST INTERPOL... IT SEEMS WE'VE ALSO CAUGHT THE EYE OF LUCA THE ROMAN'S GANG...
WE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL!
REALLY,,,? I WAS AFRAID THAT WOULD HAPPEN... DIRTY BASTARDS!


WE STILL DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT IT WAS LUCA'S GANG WHO KIDNAPPED GEORGE.
UH?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
WE ONLY HAVE SPARROW'S WORD FOR THAT... THE WORD OF A COMPLETE STRANGER ...
I THINK IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO TRUST HIM... DON'T YOU?
...
I'M ONLY SAYING WE SHOULDN'T RUSH TO CONCLUSIONS BEFORE WE KNOW FOR SURE...
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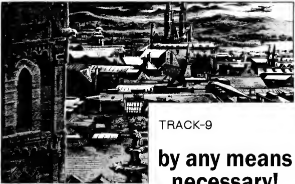
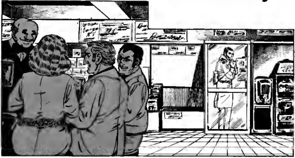
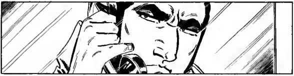
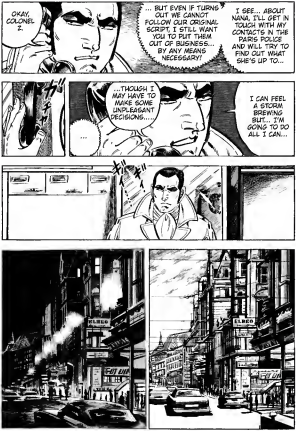
TRACK-9

by any means necessary!








OKAY, COLONEL Z.
... BUT EVEN IF TURNS OUT WE CANNOT FOLLOW OUR ORIGINAL SCRIPT, I STILL WANT YOU TO PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS... BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!
I SEE... ABOUT NANA, I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH MY CONTACTS IN THE PARIS POLICE AND WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S UP TO...
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...THOUGH I MAY HAVE TO MAKE SOME UNPLEASANT DECISIONS.....
...
I CAN FEEL A STORM BREWING BUT... I'M GOING TO DO ALL I CAN...
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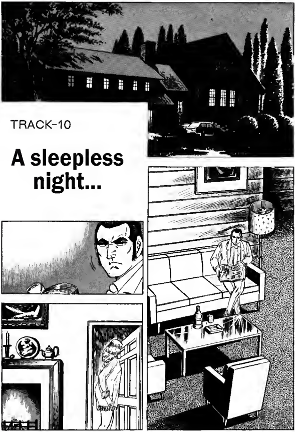
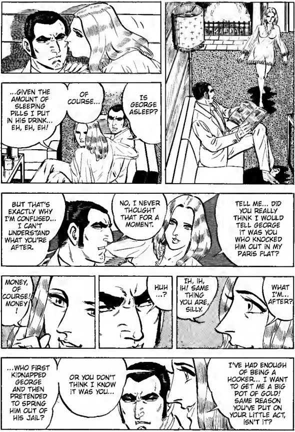
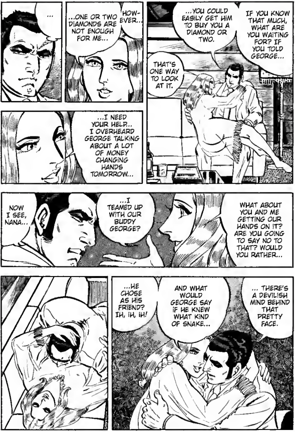
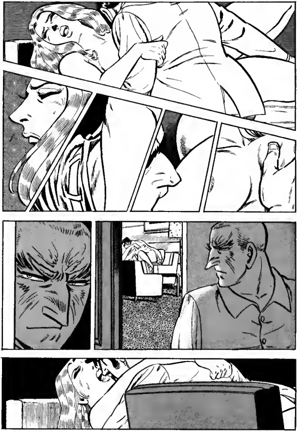
TRACK-10

A sleepless night...




IS GEORGE ASLEEP?
OF COURSE...
...GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF SLEEPING PILLS I PUT IN HIS DRINK... EH, EH, EH!
TELL ME... DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD TELL GEORGE IT WAS YOU WHO KNOCKED HIM OUT IN MY PARIS FLAT?
NO, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT FOR A MOMENT.
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M CONFUSED... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.
WHAT I'M... AFTER?
IH, IH, IH! SAME THING YOU ARE, SILLY.
HUH ...?
MONEY, OF COURSE! MONEY!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING A HOOKER... I WANT TO GET ME A BIG POT OF GOLD! SAME REASON YOU'VE PUT ON YOUR LITTLE ACT, ISN'T IT?
OR YOU DON'T THINK I KNOW IT WAS YOU...
...WHO FIRST KIDNAPPED GEORGE AND THEN PRETENDED TO SPRING HIM OUT OF HIS JAIL?


IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? IF YOU TOLD GEORGE...
...YOU COULD EASILY GET HIM TO BUY YOU A DIAMOND OR TWO.
THAT'S ONE WAY TO LOOK AT IT.
HOWEVER...
...ONE OR TWO DIAMONDS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR ME...
...
...I NEED YOUR HELP.. I OVERHEARD GEORGE TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF MONEY CHANGING HANDS TOMORROW...
WHAT ABOUT YOU AND ME GETTING OUR HANDS ON IT? ARE YOU GOING TO SAY NO TO THAT? WOULD YOU RATHER...
...I TEAMED UP WITH OUR BUDDY GEORGE?
NOW I SEE, NANA...
... THERE'S A DEVILISH MIND BEHIND THAT PRETTY FACE.
AND WHAT WOULD GEORGE SAY IF HE KNEW WHAT KIND OF SNAKE...
...HE CHOSE AS HIS FRIEND? IH, IH, IH!



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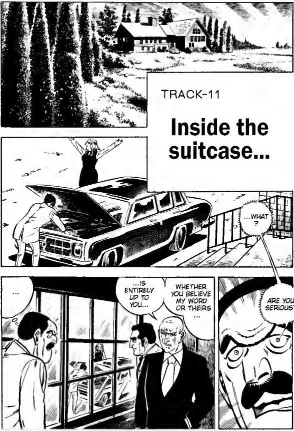
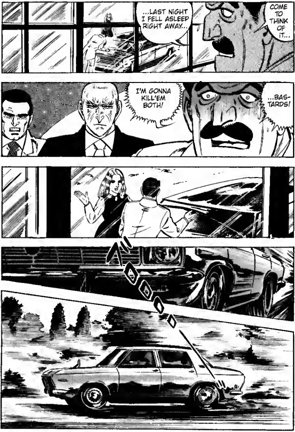
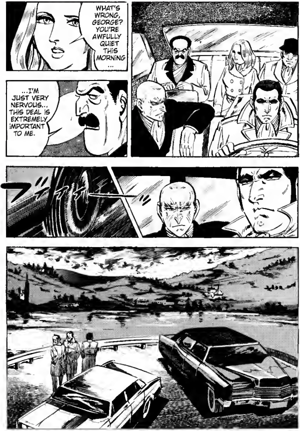
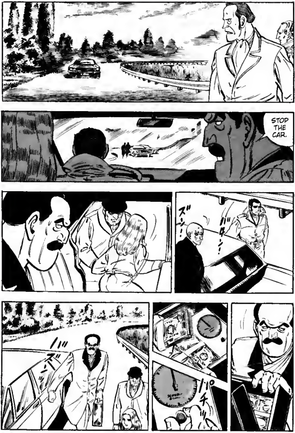
Inside the suitcase...


...
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE MY WORD OR THEIRS ...
...IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU...
...WHAT ?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?


COME TO THINK OF IT...
...LAST NIGHT I FELL ASLEEP RIGHT AWAY...
...BASTARDS!
I'M GONNA KILL'EM BOTH!


WHAT'S WRONG, GEORGE? YOU'RE AWFULLY QUIET THIS MORNING ...
...I'M JUST VERY NERVOUS... THIS DEAL IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME.


STOP THE CAR.
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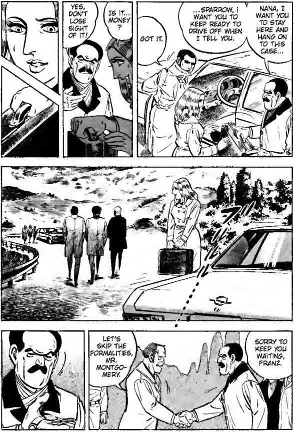
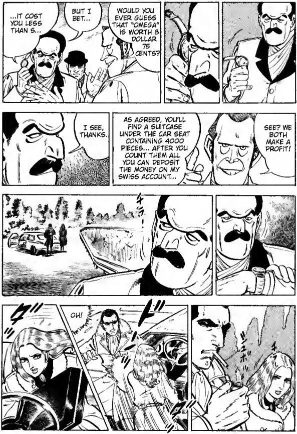

NANA, I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE AND HANG ON TO THIS CASE...
...SPARROW, I WANT YOU TO KEEP READY TO DRIVE OFF WHEN I TELL YOU.
GOT IT.
IS IT... MONEY?
YES, DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF IT!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, FRANZ.
LET'S SKIP THE FORMALITIES, MR. MONTGOMERY.


WOULD YOU EVER GUESS THAT "OMEGA" IS WORTH 8 DOLLAR 75 CENTS?
BUT I BET...
...IT COST YOU LESS THAN 5...
AS AGREED, YOU'LL FIND A SUITCASE UNDER THE CAR SEAT CONTAINING 4000 PIECES... AFTER YOU COUNT THEM ALL YOU CAN DEPOSIT THE MONEY ON MY SWISS ACCOUNT...
SEE? WE BOTH MAKE A PROFIT!
I SEE, THANKS.
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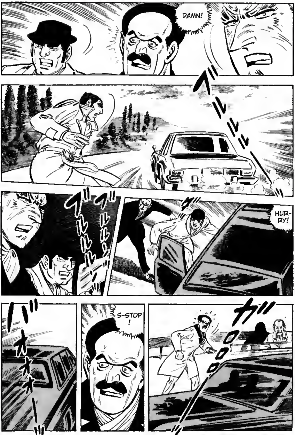
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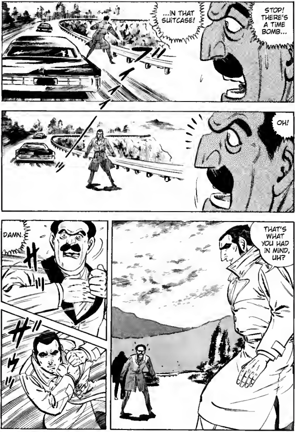
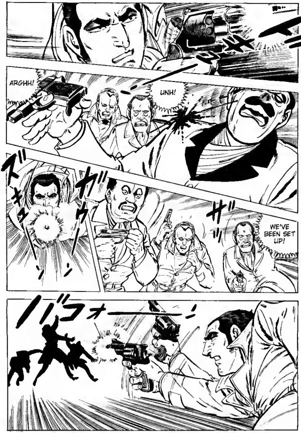

STOP! THERE'S A TIME BOMB...
...IN THAT SUITCASE!
OH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, UH?
DAMN.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WE'VE BEEN SET UP!
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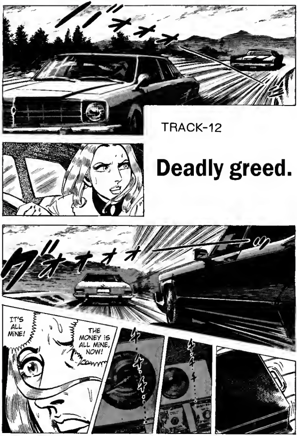
TRACK-12

Deadly greed.


IT'S ALL MINE!
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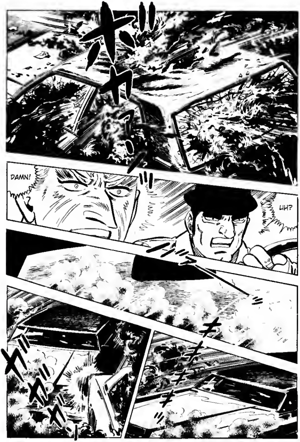
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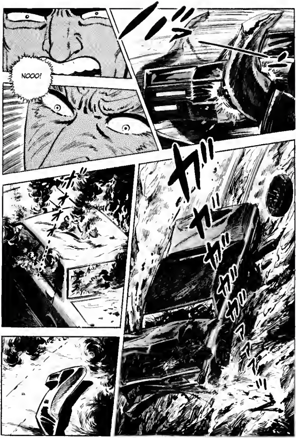
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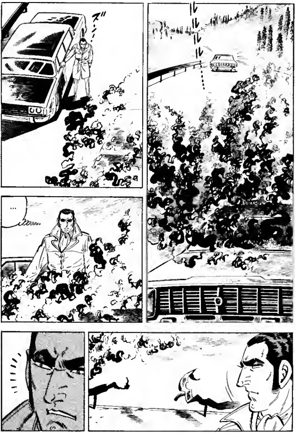
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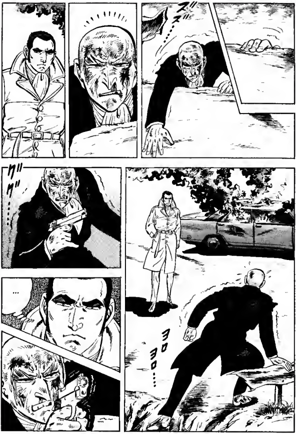
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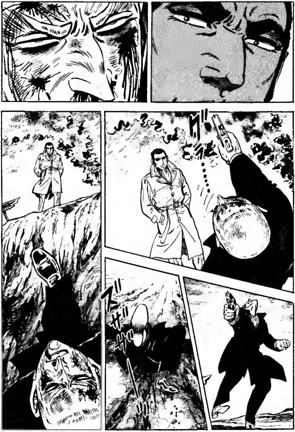
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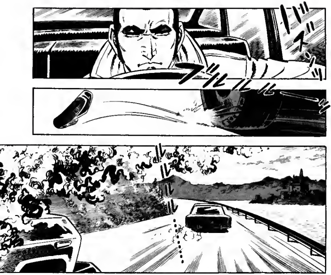
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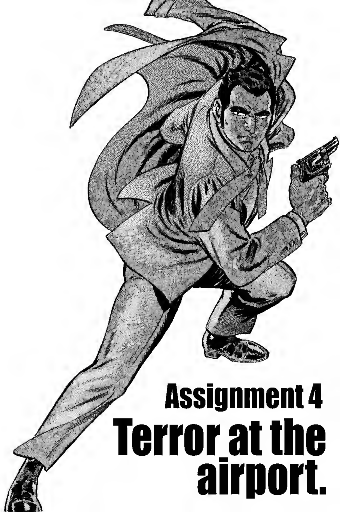
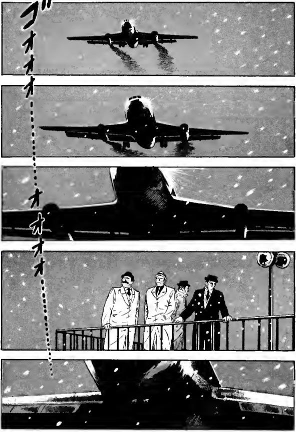


Assignment 4

Terror at the airport.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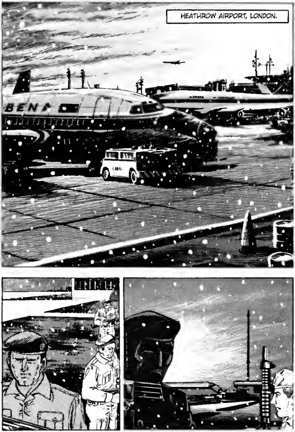
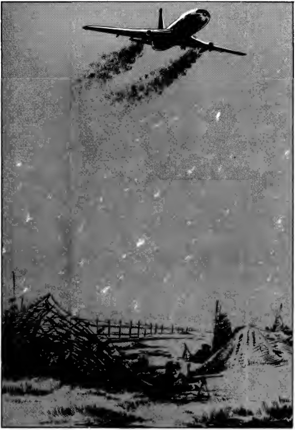
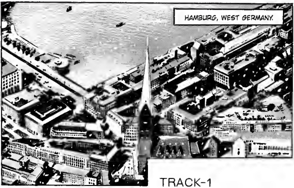
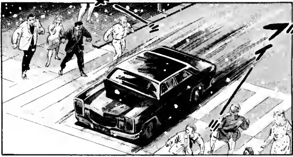

HEATHROW AIRPORT, LONDON.

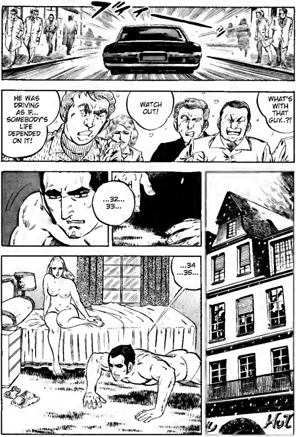



HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY.

TRACK-1

A tough customer.

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HE WAS DRIVING AS IF... SOMEBODY'S LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!
WATCH OUT!
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY..?!
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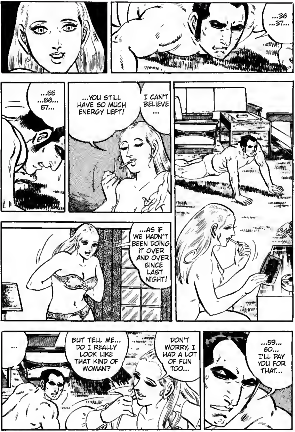
...34 ...35...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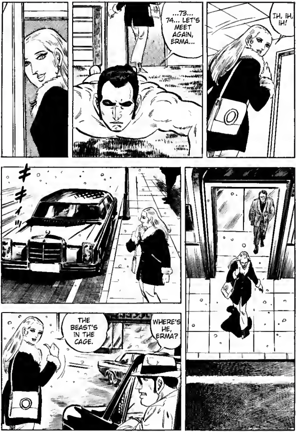
...YOU STILL HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY LEFT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE ...
...AS IF WE HADN'T BEEN DOING IT OVER AND OVER SINCE LAST NIGHT!
...
BUT TELL ME... DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE THAT KIND OF WOMAN?
DON'T WORRY, I HAD A LOT OF FUN TOO...
...59... 60... I'LL PAY YOU FOR THAT...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...73... 74... LET'S MEET AGAIN, ERMA...
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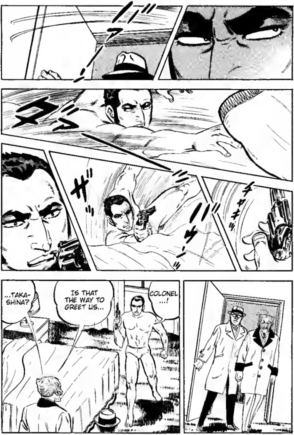
WHERE'S HE, ERMA?
THE BEAST'S IN THE CAGE.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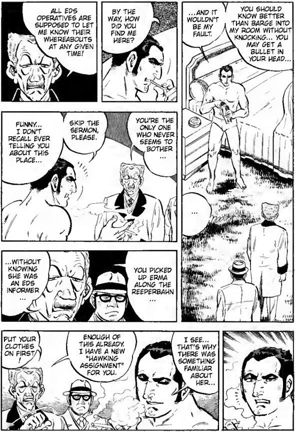
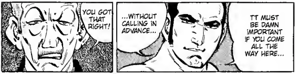
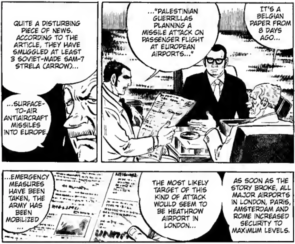
...TAKASHINA?
IS THAT THE WAY TO GREET US...
COLONEL ...!

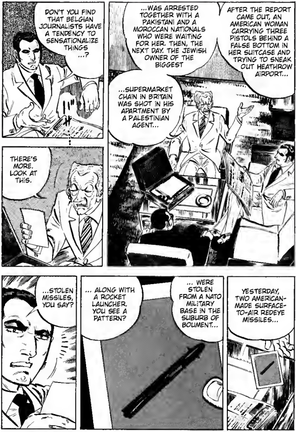

YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN BARGE INTO MY ROOM WITHOUT KNOCKING... YOU MAY GET A BULLET IN YOUR HEAD...
...AND IT WOULDN'T BE MY FAULT.
BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU FIND ME HERE?
ALL EDS OPERATIVES ARE SUPPOSED TO LET ME KNOW THEIR WHEREABOUTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO NEVER SEEMS TO BOTHER ...
SKIP THE SERMON, PLEASE.
FUNNY... I DON'T RECALL EVER TELLING YOU ABOUT THIS PLACE...
...
YOU PICKED UP ERMA ALONG THE REEPERBAHN ...
...WITHOUT KNOWING SHE WAS AN EDS INFORMER ...
I SEE... THAT'S WHY THERE WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT HER...
ENOUGH OF THIS ALREADY. I HAVE A NEW "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT" FOR YOU.
PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON FIRST!

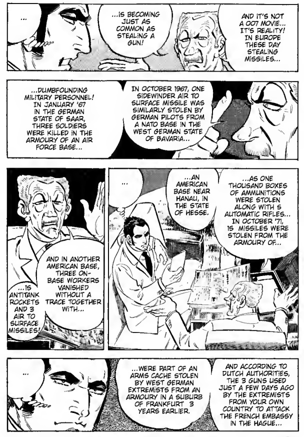

IT MUST BE DAMN IMPORTANT IF YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE...
...WITHOUT CALLING IN ADVANCE...
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

TRACK-2

Stop the missile and come back!


IT'S A BELGIAN PAPER FROM 8 DAYS AGO...
..."PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS PLANNING A MISSILE ATTACK ON PASSENGER FLIGHT AT EUROPEAN AIRPORTS..."
QUITE A DISTURBING PIECE OF NEWS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THEY HAVE SMUGGLED AT LEAST 3 SOVIET-MADE SAM-7 STRELA (ARROW)...
...SURFACE-TO-AIR ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILES INTO EUROPE.
AS SOON AS THE STORY BROKE, ALL MAJOR AIRPORTS IN LONDON, PARIS, AMSTERDAM AND ROME INCREASED SECURITY TO MAXIMUM LEVELS.
THE MOST LIKELY TARGET OF THIS KIND OF ATTACK WOULD SEEM TO BE HEATHROW AIRPORT IN LONDON...
...EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE ARMY HAS BEEN MOBILIZED...


AFTER THE REPORT CAME OUT, AN AMERICAN WOMAN CARRYING THREE PISTOLS BEHIND A FALSE BOTTOM IN HER SUITCASE AND TRYING TO SNEAK OUT HEATHROW AIRPORT...
...WAS ARRESTED TOGETHER WITH A PAKISTANI AND A MOROCCAN NATIONALS WHO WERE WAITING FOR HER. THEN, THE NEXT DAY. THE JEWISH OWNER OF THE BIGGEST
...SUPERMARKET CHAIN IN BRITAIN WAS SHOT IN HIS APARTMENT BY A PALESTINIAN AGENT...
DON'T YOU FIND THAT BELGIAN JOURNALISTS HAVE A TENDENCY TO SENSATIONALIZE THINGS ...?
THERE'S MORE. LOOK AT THIS.
YESTERDAY, TWO AMERICAN-MADE SURFACE-TO-AIR REDEYE MISSILES...
... WERE STOLEN FROM A NATO MILITARY BASE IN THE SUBURB OF BOUMENT...
... ALONG WITH A ROCKET LAUNCHER. YOU SEE A PATTERN?
...STOLEN MISSILES, YOU SAY?


AND IT'S NOT A 007 MOVIE... IT'S REALITY! IN EUROPE THESE DAY STEALING MISSILES...
...IS BECOMING JUST AS COMMON AS STEALING A GUN!
...
IN OCTOBER 1967, ONE SIDEWINDER AIR TO SURFACE MISSILE WAS SIMILARLY STOLEN BY GERMAN PILOTS FROM A NATO BASE IN THE WEST GERMAN STATE OF BAVARIA...
...DUMBFOUNDING MILITARY PERSONNEL! IN JANUARY '67 IN THE GERMAN STATE OF SAAR, THREE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE ARMOURY OF AN AIR FORCE BASE...
...AS ONE THOUSAND BOXES OF AMMUNITIONS WERE STOLEN ALONG WITH 5 AUTOMATIC RIFLES... IN OCTOBER '71, 15 MISSILES WERE STOLEN FROM THE ARMOURY OF...
...AN AMERICAN BASE NEAR HANAU, IN THE STATE OF HESSE.
...
AND IN ANOTHER AMERICAN BASE, THREE ON-BASE WORKERS VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE TOGETHER WITH...
...15 ANTITANK ROCKETS AND 3 AIR TO SURFACE MISSILES!
AND ACCORDING TO DUTCH AUTHORITIES, THE 3 GUNS USED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO BY THE EXTREMISTS FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRY TO ATTACK THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE...
...WERE PART OF AN ARMS CACHE STOLEN BY WEST GERMAN EXTREMISTS FROM AN ARMOURY IN A SUBURB OF FRANKFURT 3 YEARS EARLIER.
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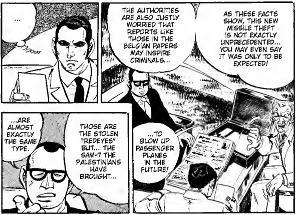
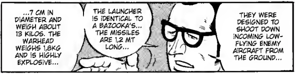
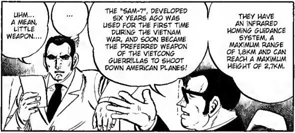
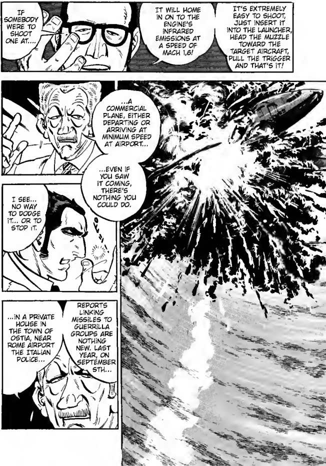
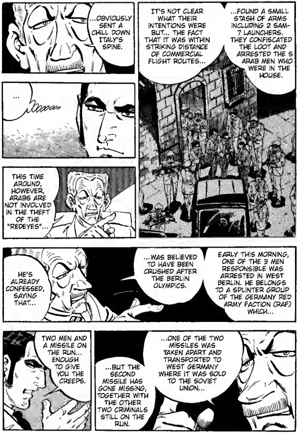
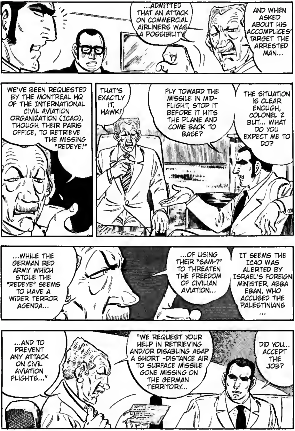

AS THESE FACTS SHOW, THIS NEW MISSILE THEFT IS NOT EXACTLY UNPRECEDENTED... YOU MAY EVEN SAY IT WAS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED!
THE AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO JUSTLY WORRIED THAT REPORTS LIKE THOSE IN THE BELGIAN PAPERS MAY INSPIRE CRIMINALS...
...TO BLOW UP PASSENGER PLANES IN THE FUTURE!
...
THOSE ARE THE STOLEN "REDEYES" BUT... THE SAM-7 THE PALESTINIANS HAVE BROUGHT...
...ARE ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME TYPE.

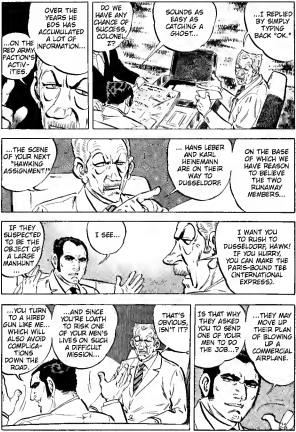

THEY WERE DESIGNED TO SHOOT DOWN INCOMING LOW-FLYING ENEMY AIRCRAFT FROM THE GROUND...
THE LAUNCHER IS IDENTICAL TO A BAZOOKA'S... THE MISSILES ARE 1,2 MT LONG...
...7 CM IN DIAMETER AND WEIGH ABOUT 13 KILOS. THE WARHEAD WEIGHS 1,8KG AND IS HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE...

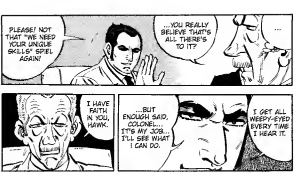

THEY HAVE AN INFRARED HOMING GUIDANCE SYSTEM, A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 1,8KM AND CAN REACH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2,7KM.
THE "SAM-7", DEVELOPED SIX YEARS AGO WAS USED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, AND SOON BECAME THE PREFERRED WEAPON OF THE VIETCONG GUERRILLAS TO SHOOT DOWN AMERICAN PLANES!
...
UHM... A MEAN, LITTLE WEAPON....


IT'S EXTREMELY EASY TO SHOOT, JUST INSERT IT INTO THE LAUNCHER, HEAD THE MUZZLE TOWARD THE TARGET AIRCRAFT, PULL THE TRIGGER AND THAT'S IT!
IT WILL HOME IN ON TO THE ENGINE'S INFRARED EMISSIONS AT A SPEED OF MACH 1,6!
IF SOMEBODY WERE TO SHOOT ONE AT....
...A COMMERCIAL PLANE, EITHER DEPARTING OR ARRIVING AT MINIMUM SPEED AT AIRPORT...
...EVEN IF YOU SAW IT COMING, THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD DO.
I SEE... NO WAY TO DODGE IT... OR TO STOP IT.
REPORTS LINKING MISSILES TO GUERRILLA GROUPS ARE NOTHING NEW. LAST YEAR, ON SEPTEMBER 5TH...
...IN A PRIVATE HOUSE IN THE TOWN OF OSTIA, NEAR ROME AIRPORT THE ITALIAN POLICE...


...FOUND A SMALL STASH OF ARMS INCLUDING 2 SAM-7 LAUNCHERS. THEY CONFISCATED THE LOOT AND ARRESTED THE 5 ARAB MEN WHO WERE IN THE HOUSE.
IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS WERE BUT... THE FACT THAT IT WAS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ROUTES...
...OBVIOUSLY SENT A CHILL DOWN ITALY'S SPINE.
... mmmm
THIS TIME AROUND, HOWEVER, ARABS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE THEFT OF THE "REDEYES"...
EARLY THIS MORNING, ONE OF THE 3 MEN RESPONSIBLE WAS ARRESTED IN WEST BERLIN. HE BELONGS TO A SPLINTER GROUP OF THE GERMANY RED ARMY FACTION (RAF) WHICH...
...WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CRUSHED AFTER THE BERLIN OLYMPICS.
HE'S ALREADY CONFESSED, SAYING THAT...
...ONE OF THE TWO MISSILES WAS TAKEN APART AND TRANSPORTED TO WEST GERMANY WHERE IT WAS SOLD TO THE SOVIET UNION...
...BUT THE SECOND MISSILE HAS GONE MISSING, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER TWO CRIMINALS STILL ON THE RUN.
TWO MEN AND A MISSILE ON THE RUN... ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THE CREEPS.

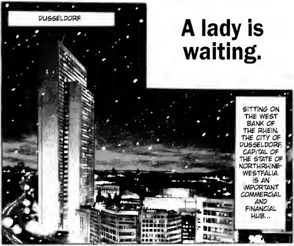

AND WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS ACCOMPLICES' TARGET THE ARRESTED MAN...
...ADMITTED THAT AN ATTACK ON COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS WAS A POSSIBILITY.
THE SITUATION IS CLEAR ENOUGH, COLONEL Z BUT... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?
FLY TOWARD THE MISSILE IN MID-FLIGHT, STOP IT BEFORE IT HITS THE PLANE AND COME BACK TO BASE?
THAT'S EXACTLY IT, HAWK!
WE'VE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE MONTREAL HQ OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO), THOUGH THEIR PARIS OFFICE, TO RETRIEVE THE MISSING "REDEYE!"
IT SEEMS THE ICAO WAS ALERTED BY ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER, ABBA EBAN, WHO ACCUSED THE PALESTINIANS ...
...OF USING THEIR "SAM-7" TO THREATEN THE FREEDOM OF CIVILIAN AVIATION...
...WHILE THE GERMAN RED ARMY WHICH STOLE THE "REDEYE" SEEMS TO HAVE A WIDER TERROR AGENDA...
DID YOU... ACCEPT THE JOB?
"WE REQUEST YOUR HELP IN RETRIEVING AND/OR DISABLING ASAP A SHORT -DISTANCE AIR TO SURFACE MISSILE GONE MISSING ON THE GERMAN TERRITORY...
...AND TO PREVENT ANY ATTACK ON CIVIL AVIATION FLIGHTS..."

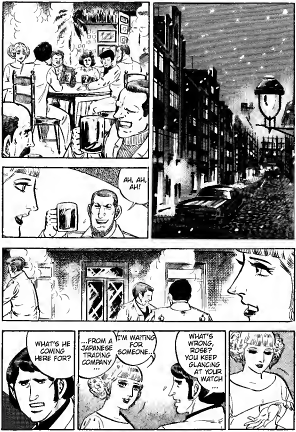

...I REPLIED BY SIMPLY TYPING BACK "OK."
SOUNDS AS EASY AS CATCHING A GHOST...
DO WE HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, COLONEL Z?
OVER THE YEARS HE EDS HAS ACCUMULATED A LOT OF INFORMATION...
...ON THE RED ARMY FACTION'S ACTIVITIES.
ON THE BASE OF WHICH WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THE TWO RUNAWAY MEMBERS...
... HANS LEBER AND KARL HEINEMANN ARE ON THEIR WAY TO DUSSELDORF.
...THE SCENE OF YOUR NEXT "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT!"
I WANT YOU TO RUSH TO DUSSELDORF, HAWK! IF YOU HURRY, YOU CAN MAKE THE PARIS-BOUND TEE (INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS).
I SEE...
IF THEY SUSPECTED TO BE THE OBJECT OF A LARGE MANHUNT...
...THEY MAY MOVE UP THEIR PLAN OF BLOWING UP A COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE.
IS THAT WHY THEY ASKED YOU TO SEND ONE OF YOUR MEN TO DO THE JOB...?
THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
...AND SINCE YOU'RE LOATH TO RISK ONE OF YOUR MEN'S LIVES ON SUCH A DIFFICULT MISSION...
...YOU TURN TO A HIRED GUN LIKE ME... WHICH WILL ALSO AVOID COMPLICATIONS DOWN THE ROAD.

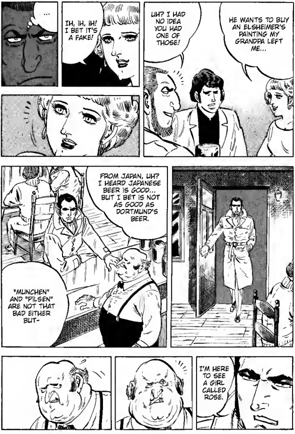

PLEASE! NOT THAT "WE NEED YOUR UNIQUE SKILLS" SPIEL AGAIN!
...YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THERE'S TO IT?
...
I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, HAWK.
...BUT ENOUGH SAID, COLONEL... IT'S MY JOB... I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
I GET ALL WEEPY-EYED EVERY TIME I HEAR IT.

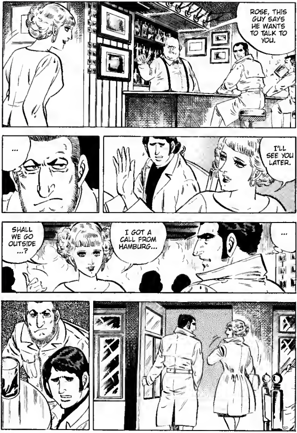
TRACK-3

A lady is waiting.


DUSSELDORF
SITTING ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RHEIN, THE CITY OF DUSSELDORF, CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF NORTHRHINE-WESTFALIA IS AN IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HUB...

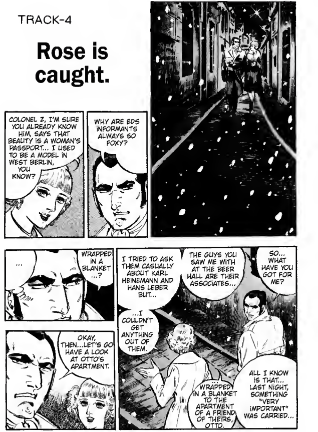

AH, AH, AH!
WHAT'S WRONG, ROSE? YOU KEEP GLANCING AT YOUR WATCH ...
I'M WAITING FOR SOMEONE...
...FROM A JAPANESE TRADING COMPANY ...
WHAT'S HE COMING HERE FOR?

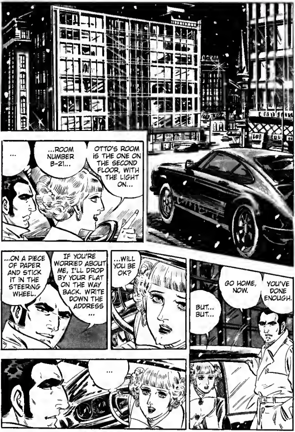

HE WANTS TO BUY AN ELSHEIMER'S PAINTING MY GRANDPA LEFT ME...
UH? I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD ONE OF THOSE!
IH, IH, IH! I BET IT'S A FAKE!
...
FROM JAPAN, UH? I HEARD JAPANESE BEER IS GOOD... BUT I BET IS NOT AS GOOD AS DORTMUND'S BEER.
"MUNCHEN" AND "PILSEN" ARE NOT THAT BAD EITHER BUT-
I'M HERE TO SEE A GIRL CALLED ROSE.


ROSE, THIS GUY SAYS HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.
...
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
SHALL WE GO OUTSIDE ...?
I GOT A CALL FROM HAMBURG...
...

TRACK-4

Rose is caught.


COLONEL Z, I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW HIM, SAYS THAT BEAUTY IS A WOMAN'S PASSPORT... I USED TO BE A MODEL IN WEST BERLIN, YOU KNOW?
WHY ARE EDS INFORMANTS ALWAYS SO FOXY?
SO... WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR ME?
THE GUYS YOU SAW ME WITH AT THE BEER HALL ARE THEIR ASSOCIATES...
I TRIED TO ASK THEM CASUALLY ABOUT KARL HEINEMANN AND HANS LEBER BUT...
...I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF THEM.
ALL I KNOW IS THAT... LAST NIGHT, SOMETHING "VERY IMPORTANT" WAS CARRIED...
WRAPPED IN A BLANKET TO THE APARTMENT OF A FRIEND OF THEIRS, OTTO.
...
WRAPPED IN A BLANKET ...?
OKAY, THEN...LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK AT OTTO'S APARTMENT.


OTTO'S ROOM IS THE ONE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, WITH THE LIGHT ON...
...ROOM NUMBER B-21...
...
GO HOME, NOW.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.
BUT... BUT...
...WILL YOU BE OK?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME, I'LL DROP BY YOUR FLAT ON THE WAY BACK. WRITE DOWN THE ADDRESS ...
...ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND STICK IT IN THE STEERING WHEEL.
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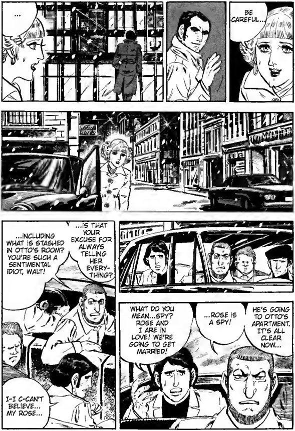
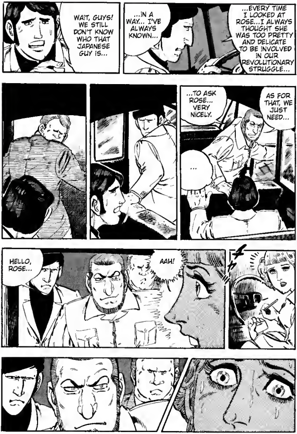
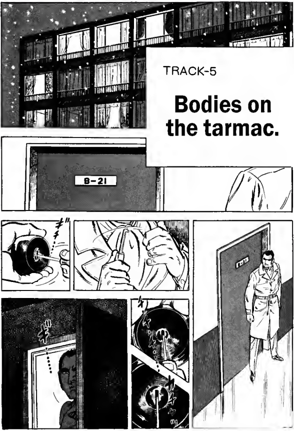
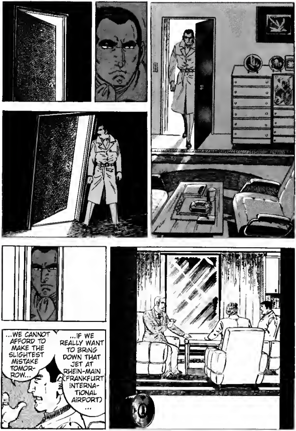

BE CAREFUL...
...
HE'S GOING TO OTTO'S APARTMENT. IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW...
...ROSE IS A SPY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...SPY? ROSE AND I ARE IN LOVE! WE'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED!
...IS THAT YOUR EXCUSE FOR ALWAYS TELLING HER EVERYTHING?
...INCLUDING WHAT IS STASHED IN OTTO'S ROOM? YOU'RE SUCH A SENTIMENTAL IDIOT, WALT!
I-I C-CAN'T BELIEVE... MY ROSE...

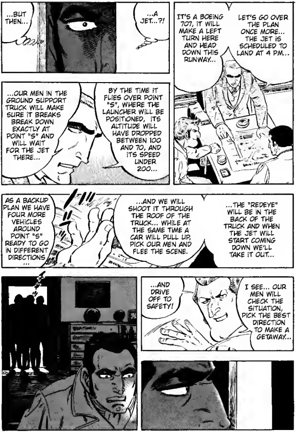

WAIT, GUYS! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO THAT JAPANESE GUY IS...
...IN A WAY... I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN...
...EVERY TIME I LOOKED AT ROSE...I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE WAS TOO PRETTY AND DELICATE TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE...
AS FOR THAT, WE JUST NEED...
...TO ASK ROSE... VERY NICELY.
...
HELLO, ROSE...
AAH!

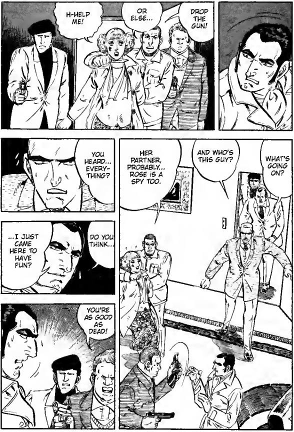
TRACK-5

Bodies on the tarmac.



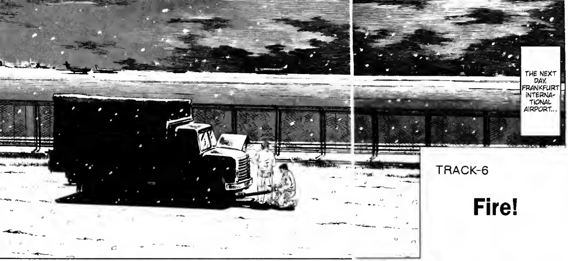

...WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE TOMORROW...
...IF WE REALLY WANT TO BRING DOWN THAT JET AT RHEIN-MAIN (FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT) ...

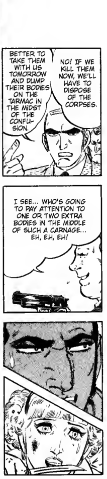

LET'S GO OVER THE PLAN ONCE MORE... THE JET IS SCHEDULED TO LAND AT 4 PM...
IT'S A BOEING 707, IT WILL MAKE A LEFT TURN HERE AND HEAD DOWN THIS RUNWAY...
...A JET...?!
...BUT THEN...
BY THE TIME IT FLIES OVER POINT "S", WHERE THE LAUNCHER WILL BE POSITIONED, ITS ALTITUDE WILL HAVE DROPPED BETWEEN 100 AND 70, AND ITS SPEED UNDER 200...
...OUR MEN IN THE GROUND SUPPORT TRUCK WILL MAKE SURE IT BREAKS BREAK DOWN EXACTLY AT POINT "S" AND WILL WAIT FOR THE JET THERE...
...THE "REDEYE" WILL BE IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK AND WHEN THE JET WILL START COMING DOWN WE'LL TAKE IT OUT...
...AND WE WILL SHOOT IT THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE TRUCK... WHILE AT THE SAME TIME A CAR WILL PULL UP, PICK OUR MEN AND FLEE THE SCENE.
AS A BACKUP PLAN WE HAVE FOUR MORE VEHICLES AROUND POINT "S" READY TO GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS ...
I SEE... OUR MEN WILL CHECK THE SITUATION, PICK THE BEST DIRECTION TO MAKE A GETAWAY...
...AND DRIVE OFF TO SAFETY!

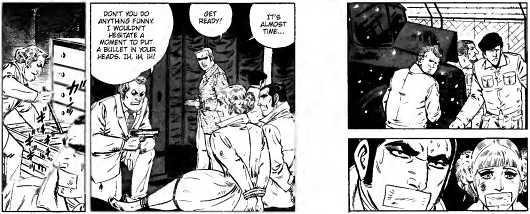

DROP THE GUN!
OR ELSE...
H-HELP ME!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AND WHO'S THIS GUY?
HER PARTNER, PROBABLY... ROSE IS A SPY TOO.
YOU HEARD... EVERYTHING?
DO YOU THINK...
...I JUST CAME HERE TO HAVE FUN?
YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!

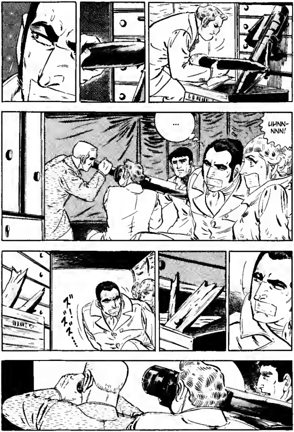
TRACK-6

Fire!


THE NEXT DAY, FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT...


BETTER TO TAKE THEM WITH US TOMORROW AND DUMP THEIR BODIES ON THE TARMAC IN THE MIDST OF THE CONFUSION.
NO! IF WE KILL THEM NOW, WE'LL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF THE CORPSES.
I SEE... WHO'S GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO ONE OR TWO EXTRA BODIES IN THE MIDDLE OF SUCH A CARNAGE... EH, EH, EH!


IT'S ALMOST TIME...
GET READY!
DON'T YOU DO ANYTHING FUNNY. I WOULDN'T HESITATE A MOMENT TO PUT A BULLET IN YOUR HEADS. IH, IH, IH!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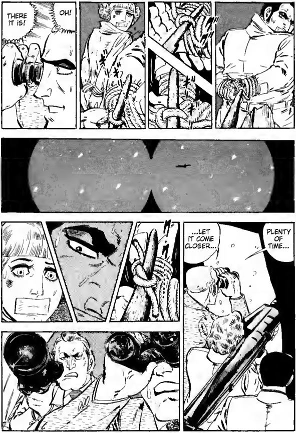
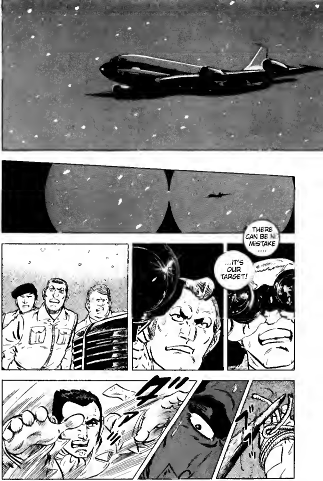
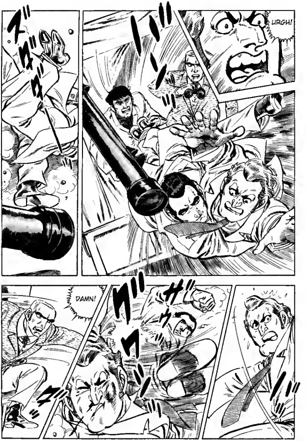

OH!
THERE IT IS!
...LET IT COME CLOSER...
PLENTY OF TIME...


THERE CAN BE NO MiSTAKE ....
...iT'S OUR TARGET!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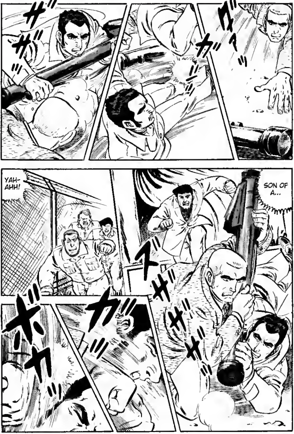
DAMN!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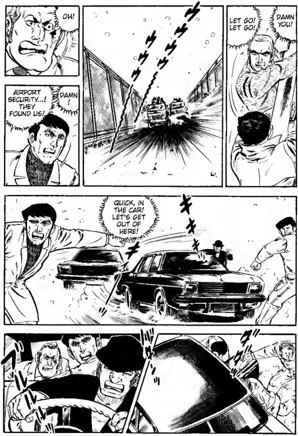
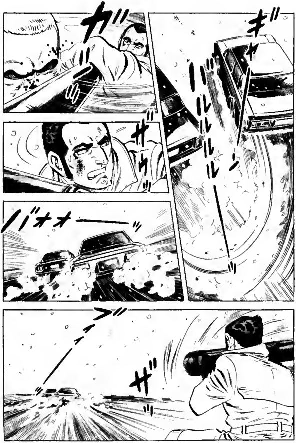

OH!
AIRPORT SECURITY...! THEY FOUND US!
DAMN!
LET GO! LET GO!
DAMN YOU!
QUICK, IN THE CAR! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

ギャ
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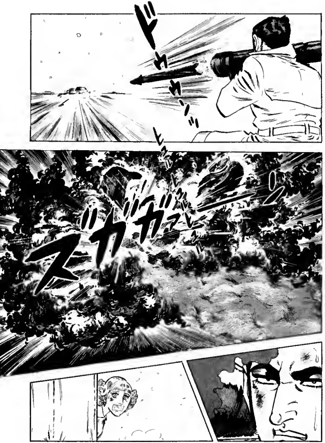
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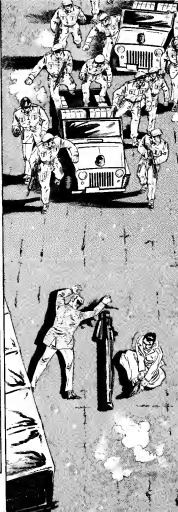

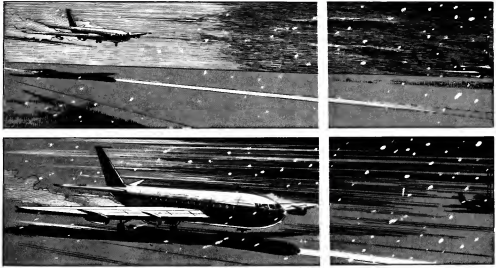

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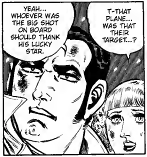
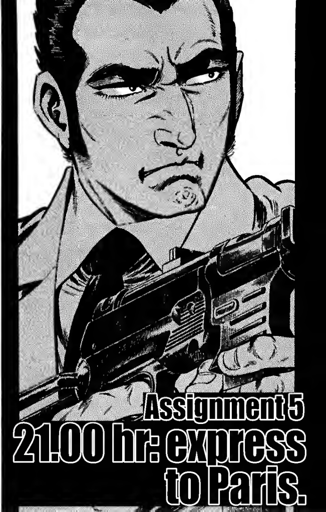

T-THAT PLANE... WAS THAT THEIR TARGET...?
YEAH... WHOEVER WAS THE BIG SHOT ON BOARD SHOULD THANK HIS LUCKY STAR.



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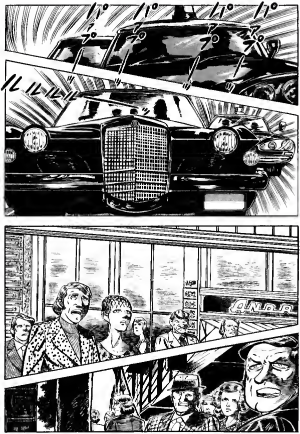
21.00 hr: express to Paris.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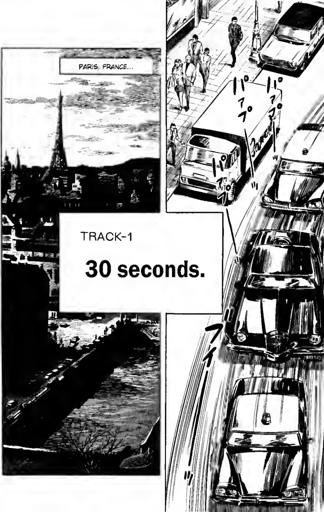
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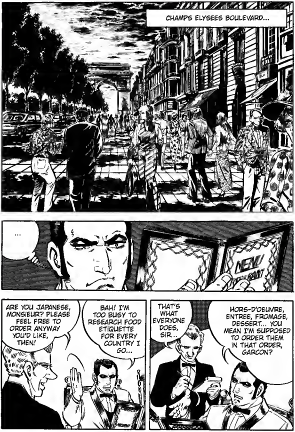
CHAMPS ELYSEES BOULEVARD...
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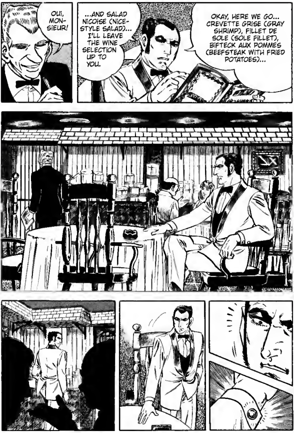
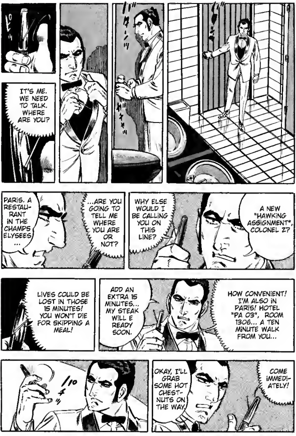
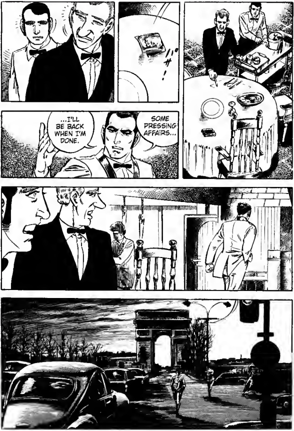
MENU
ARE YOU JAPANESE, MONSIEUR? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ORDER ANYWAY YOU'D LIKE, THEN!
BAH! I'M TOO BUSY TO RESEARCH FOOD ETIQUETTE FOR EVERY COUNTRY I GO...
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE DOES, SIR...
HORS-D'OEUVRE, ENTREE, FROMAGE, DESSERT... YOU MEAN I'M SUPPOSED TO ORDER THEM IN THAT ORDER, GARCON?


OKAY, HERE WE GO... CREVETTE GRISE (GRAY SHRIMP), FILLET DE SOLE (SOLE FILLET), BIFTECK AUX POMMES (BEEFSTEAK WITH FRIED POTATOES)...
...AND SALAD NICOISE (NICE-STYLE SALAD)... I'LL LEAVE THE WINE SELECTION UP TO YOU.
OUI, MONSIEUR!


IT'S ME. WE NEED TO TALK. WHERE ARE YOU?
A NEW "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT", COLONEL Z?
WHY ELSE WOULD I BE CALLING YOU ON THIS LINE?
...ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE OR NOT?
PARIS. A RESTAURANT IN THE CHAMPS ELYSEES...
HOW CONVENIENT! I'M ALSO IN PARIS! HOTEL "PA 03", ROOM 1306... A TEN MINUTE WALK FROM YOU...
ADD AN EXTRA 15 MINUTES... MY STEAK WILL E READY SOON.
LIVES COULD BE LOST IN THOSE 15 MINUTES! YOU WON'T DIE FOR SKIPPING A MEAL!
COME IMMEDIATELY!
OKAY, I'LL GRAB SOME HOT CHESTNUTS ON THE WAY.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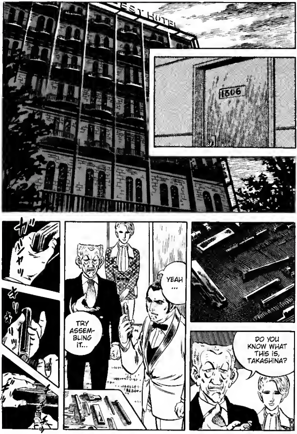
SOME PRESSING AFFAIRS...
...I'LL BE BACK WHEN I'M DONE.


EST HOTEL
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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS, TAKASHINA?
TRY ASSEMBLING IT...
YEAH ...
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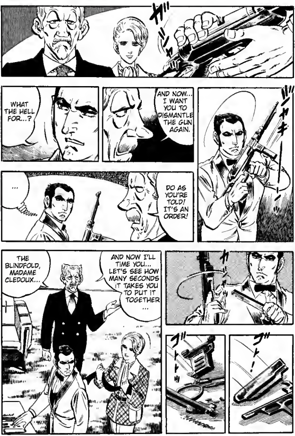
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AND NOW... I WANT YOU TO DISMANTLE THE GUN AGAIN.
WHAT THE HELL FOR...?
DO AS YOU'RE TOLD! IT'S AN ORDER!
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AND NOW I'LL TIME YOU... LET'S SEE HOW MANY SECONDS IT TAKES YOU TO PUT IT TOGETHER...
THE BLINDFOLD, MADAME CLEDOUX...
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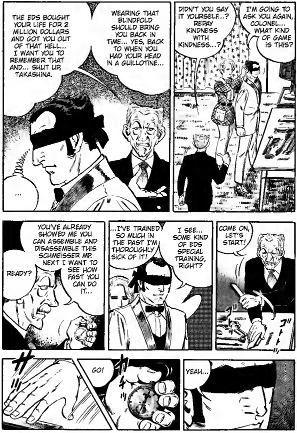
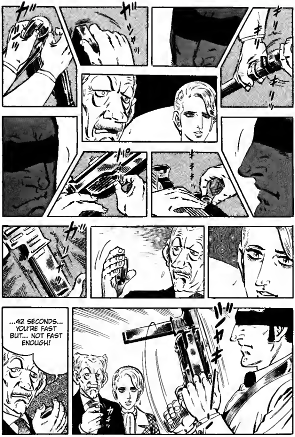

THE EDS BOUGHT YOUR LIFE FOR 2 MILLION DOLLARS AND GOT YOU OUT OF THAT HELL... I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT AND... SHUT UP, TAKASHINA.
WEARING THAT BLINDFOLD SHOULD BRING YOU BACK IN TIME... YES, BACK TO WHEN YOU HAD YOUR HEAD IN A GUILLOTINE...
...
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT YOURSELF...? REPAY KINDNESS WITH KINDNESS...?
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN, COLONEL... WHAT KIND OF GAME IS THIS?
YOU'VE ALREADY SHOWED ME YOU CAN ASSEMBLE AND DISASSEMBLE THIS SCHMEISSER MP. NEXT I WANT TO SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN DO IT...
READY?
...I'VE TRAINED SO MUCH IN THE PAST I'M THOROUGHLY SICK OF IT!
I SEE... SOME KIND OF EDS SPECIAL TRAINING, RIGHT?
COME ON, LET'S START!
GO!
YEAH...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...42 SECONDS... YOU'RE FAST BUT... NOT FAST ENOUGH!
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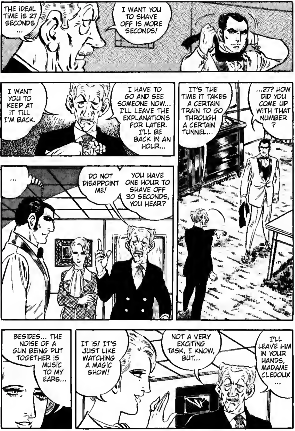
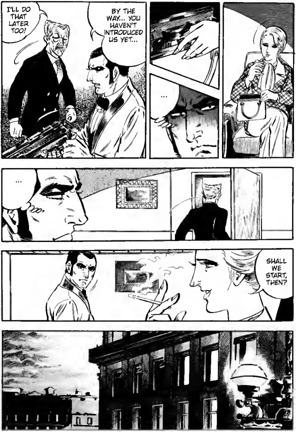

THE IDEAL TIME IS 27 SECONDS ...
I WANT YOU TO SHAVE OFF 15 MORE SECONDS!
I HAVE TO GO AND SEE SOMEONE NOW... I'LL LEAVE THE EXPLANATIONS FOR LATER. I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR...
I WANT YOU TO KEEP AT IT TILL I'M BACK.
...27? HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER ?
IT'S THE TIME IT TAKES A CERTAIN TRAIN TO GO THROUGH A CERTAIN TUNNEL...
...
YOU HAVE ONE HOUR TO SHAVE OFF 30 SECONDS, YOU HEAR?
DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME!
I'LL LEAVE HIM IN YOUR HANDS, MADAME CLEDOUX ...
NOT A VERY EXCITING TASK, I KNOW, BUT...
IT IS! IT'S JUST LIKE WATCHING A MAGIC SHOW!
BESIDES... THE NOISE OF A GUN BEING PUT TOGETHER IS MUSIC TO MY EARS...


I'LL DO THAT LATER TOO!
BY THE WAY... YOU HAVEN'T INTRODUCED US YET...
...
...
SHALL WE START, THEN?

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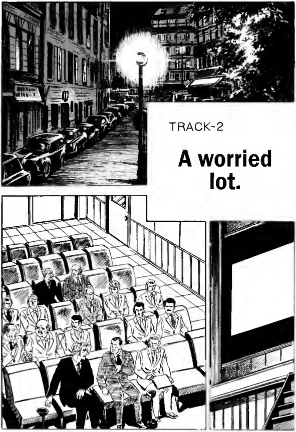
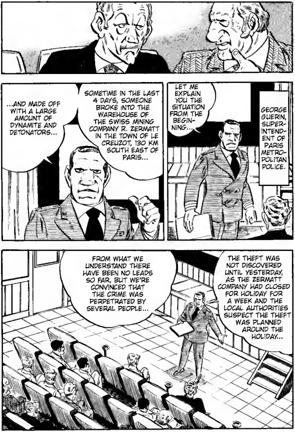
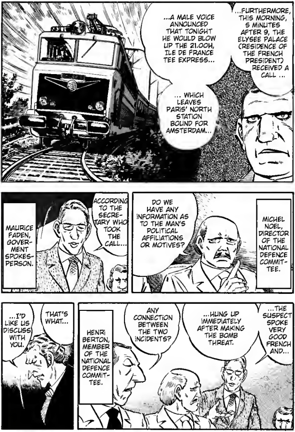
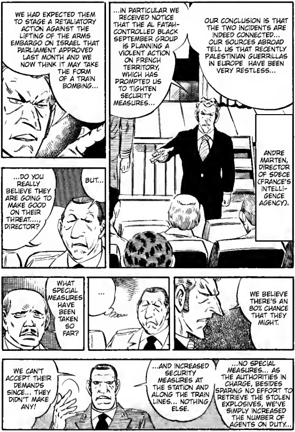
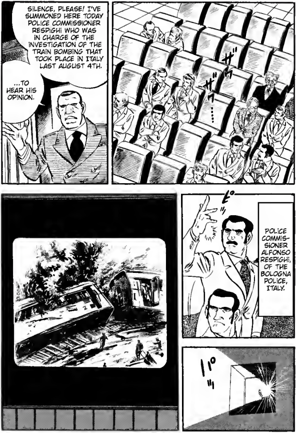



GEORGE GUERIN, SUPERINTENDENT OF PARIS METROPOLITAN POLICE.
LET ME EXPLAIN YOU THE SITUATION FROM THE BEGINNING...
SOMETIME IN THE LAST 4 DAYS, SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE WAREHOUSE OF THE SWISS MINING COMPANY R. ZERMATT IN THE TOWN OF LE CREUZOT, 130 KM SOUTH EAST OF PARIS...
...AND MADE OFF WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF DYNAMITE AND DETONATORS...
THE THEFT WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL YESTERDAY, AS THE ZERMATT COMPANY HAD CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY FOR A WEEK AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUSPECT THE THEFT WAS PLANNED AROUND THE HOLIDAY...
FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN NO LEADS SO FAR, BUT WE'RE CONVINCED THAT THE CRIME WAS PERPETRATED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE...


...FURTHERMORE, THIS MORNING, 5 MINUTES AFTER 9, THE ELYSEE PALACE (RESIDENCE OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT) RECEIVED A CALL ...
...A MALE VOICE ANNOUNCED THAT TONIGHT HE WOULD BLOW UP THE 21.00H, ILE DE FRANCE TEE EXPRESS...
... WHICH LEAVES PARIS' NORTH STATION BOUND FOR AMSTERDAM...
MICHEL NOEL, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.
DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE MAN'S POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR MOTIVES?
ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY WHO TOOK THE CALL...
MAURICE FADEN, GOVERMENT SPOKESPERSON.
...THE SUSPECT SPOKE VERY GOOD FRENCH AND...
...HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THE BOMB THREAT.
ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO INCIDENTS?
HENRI BERTON, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.
THAT'S WHAT...
...I'D LIKE US DISCUSS WITH YOU.


OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT THE TWO INCIDENTS ARE INDEED CONNECTED... OUR SOURCES ABROAD TELL US THAT RECENTLY PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN EUROPE HAVE BEEN VERY RESTLESS...
...IN PARTICULAR WE RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE AL FATAH-CONTROLLED BLACK SEPTEMBER GROUP IS PLANNING A VIOLENT ACTION ON FRENCH TERRITORY, WHICH HAS PROMPTED US TO TIGHTEN SECURITY MEASURES...
ANDRE MARTEN, DIRECTOR OF SDECE (FRANCE'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY).
WE HAD EXPECTED THEM TO STAGE A RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON ISRAEL THAT PARLIAMENT APPROVED LAST MONTH AND WE NOW THINK IT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A TRAIN BOMBING...
BUT...
...DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE GOOD ON THEIR THREAT...., DIRECTOR?
WE BELIEVE THERE'S AN 80% CHANCE THAT THEY MIGHT.
...
Hmmm
WHAT SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN SO FAR?
...NO SPECIAL MEASURES... AS THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE, BESIDES SPARING NO EFFORT TO RETRIEVE THE STOLEN EXPLOSIVES, WE'VE SIMPLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AGENTS ON DUTY...
...AND INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES AT THE STATION AND ALONG THE TRAIN LINES... NOTHING ELSE.
WE CAN'T ACCEPT THEIR DEMANDS SINCE... THEY DIDN'T MAKE ANY!


SILENCE, PLEASE! I'VE SUMMONED HERE TODAY POLICE COMMISSIONER RESPIGHI WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE TRAIN BOMBING THAT TOOK PLACE IN ITALY LAST AUGUST 4TH.
...TO HEAR HIS OPINION.
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POLICE COMMISSIONER ALFONSO RESPIGHI, OF THE BOLOGNA POLICE, ITALY.
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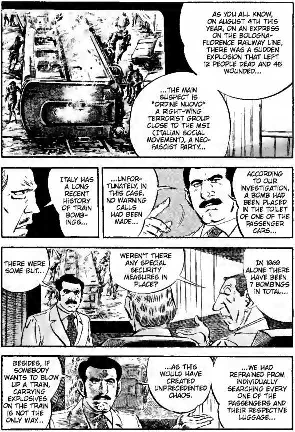
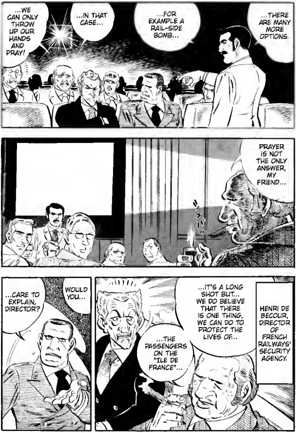
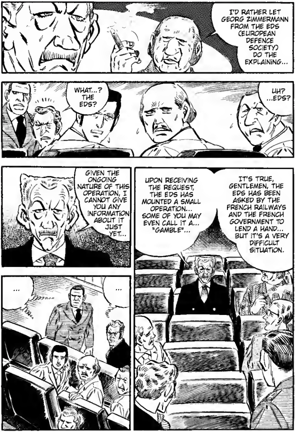

AS YOU ALL KNOW, ON AUGUST 4TH THIS YEAR, ON AN EXPRESS ON THE BOLOGNA-FLORENCE RAILWAY LINE, THERE WAS A SUDDEN EXPLOSION THAT LEFT 12 PEOPLE DEAD AND 45 WOUNDED...
...THE MAIN SUSPECT IS "ORDINE NUOVO" A RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUP CLOSE TO THE MSI (ITALIAN SOCIAL MOVEMENT), A NEO-FASCIST PARTY...
ACCORDING TO OUR INVESTIGATION, A BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE TOILET OF ONE OF THE PASSENGER CARS...
...UNFORTUNATELY, IN THIS CASE, NO WARNING CALLS HAD BEEN MADE...
ITALY HAS A LONG RECENT HISTORY OF TRAIN BOMBINGS...
IN 1969 ALONE THERE HAVE BEEN 7 BOMBINGS IN TOTAL...
WEREN'T THERE ANY SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE?
THERE WERE SOME BUT...
...WE HAD REFRAINED FROM INDIVIDUALLY SEARCHING EVERY ONE OF THE PASSENGERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE LUGGAGE...
...AS THIS WOULD HAVE CREATED UNPRECEDENTED CHAOS.
BESIDES, IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO BLOW UP A TRAIN, CARRYING EXPLOSIVES ON THE TRAIN IS NOT THE ONLY WAY...


...THERE ARE MANY MORE OPTIONS.
...FOR EXAMPLE A RAIL-SIDE BOMB...
...IN THAT CASE...
...WE CAN ONLY THROW UP OUR HANDS AND PRAY!
PRAYER IS NOT THE ONLY ANSWER, MY FRIEND...
WOULD YOU...
...CARE TO EXPLAIN, DIRECTOR?
HENRI DE BECOUR, DIRECTOR OF FRENCH RAILWAYS' SECURITY AGENCY.
...IT'S A LONG SHOT BUT... WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE THING, WE CAN DO TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF...
...THE PASSENGERS ON THE "ILE DE FRANCE"...


I'D RATHER LET GEORG ZIMMERMANN FROM THE EDS (EUROPEAN DEFENCE SOCIETY) DO THE EXPLAINING...
WHAT...? THE EDS?
UH? ...EDS?
IT'S TRUE, GENTLEMEN, THE EDS HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE FRENCH RAILWAYS AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO LEND A HAND... BUT IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION.
UPON RECEIVING THE REQUEST, THE EDS HAS MOUNTED A SMALL OPERATION... SOME OF YOU MAY EVEN CALL IT A... "GAMBLE"...
GIVEN THE ONGOING NATURE OF THIS OPERATION, I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IT JUST YET...
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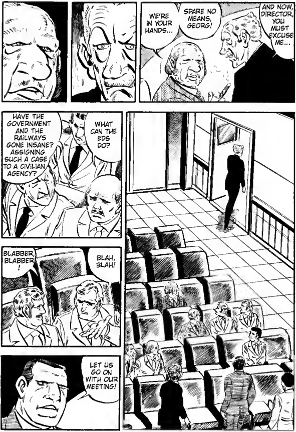
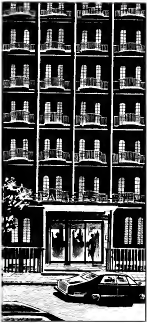
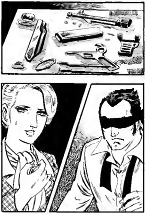
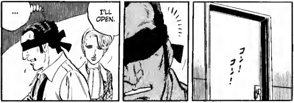

WE'RE IN YOUR HANDS...
SPARE NO MEANS, GEORG!
AND NOW, DIRECTOR, YOU MUST EXCUSE ME...
HAVE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RAILWAYS GONE INSANE? ASSIGNING SUCH A CASE TO A CIVILIAN AGENCY?
WHAT CAN THE EDS DO?
BLABBER, BLABBER!
BLAH, BLAH!
LET US GO ON WITH OUR MEETING!

TRACK-3

A hungry hawk.



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I'LL OPEN.
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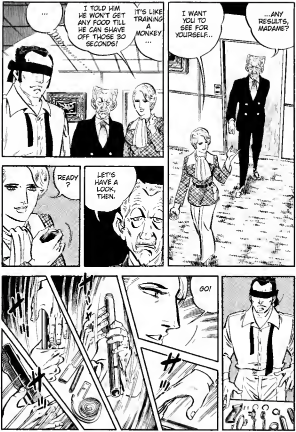
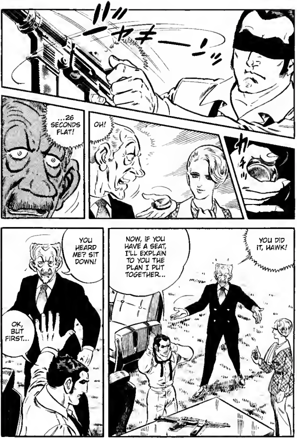

...ANY RESULTS, MADAME?
I WANT YOU TO SEE FOR YOURSELF...
I TOLD HIM HE WON'T GET ANY FOOD TILL HE CAN SHAVE OFF THOSE 30 SECONDS!
IT'S LIKE TRAINING A MONKEY ...
...
LET'S HAVE A LOOK, THEN.
READY?
GO!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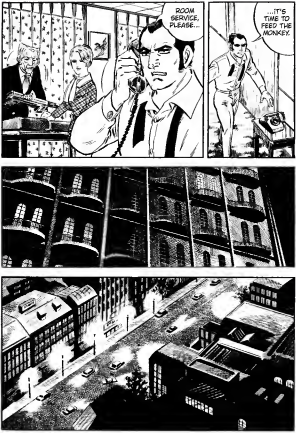
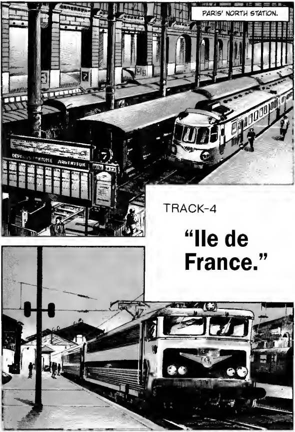
...26 SECONDS FLAT!
OH!
YOU HEARD ME? SIT DOWN!
OK, BUT FIRST...
NOW, IF YOU HAVE A SEAT, I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU THE PLAN I PUT TOGETHER...
YOU DID IT, HAWK!


ROOM SERVICE, PLEASE...
...IT'S TIME TO FEED THE MONKEY.


PARIS' NORTH STATION.
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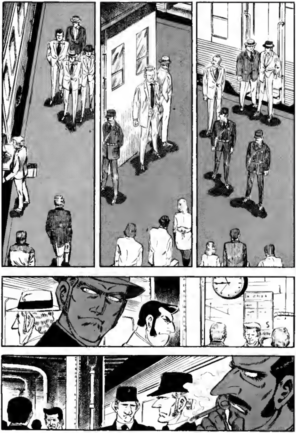
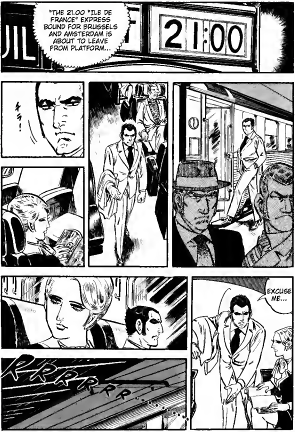
TRACK-4

"Ile de France."




"THE 21.00 "ILE DE FRANCE" EXPRESS BOUND FOR BRUSSELS AND AMSTERDAM IS ABOUT TO LEAVE FROM PLATFORM...
21:00
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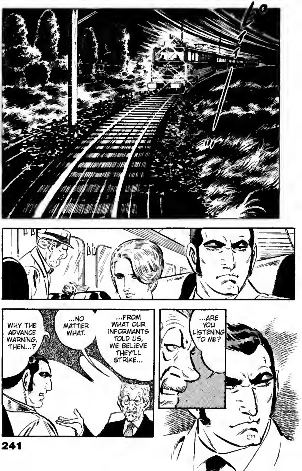
EXCUSE ME...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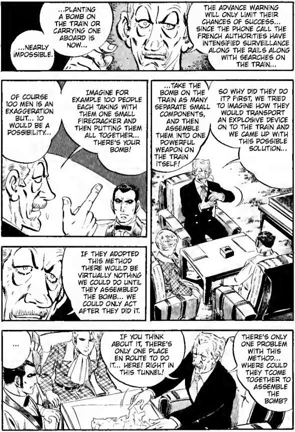
...ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
...FROM WHAT OUR INFORMANTS TOLD US, WE BELIEVE THEY'LL STRIKE...
...NO MATTER WHAT.
WHY THE ADVANCE WARNING, THEN...?


THE ADVANCE WARNING WILL ONLY LIMIT THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS... SINCE THE PHONE CALL THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE INTENSIFIED SURVEILLANCE ALONG THE RAILS ALONG WITH SEARCHES ON THE TRAIN...
...PLANTING A BOMB ON THE TRAIN OR CARRYING ONE ABOARD IS NOW...
...NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.
SO WHY DID THEY DO IT? FIRST, WE TRIED TO IMAGINE HOW THEY WOULD TRANSPORT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ON TO THE TRAIN AND WE CAME UP WITH THIS POSSIBLE SOLUTION...
...TAKE THE BOMB ON THE TRAIN AS MANY SEPARATE SMALL COMPONENTS, AND THEN ASSEMBLE THEM INTO ONE POWERFUL WEAPON ON THE TRAIN ITSELF!
IMAGINE FOR EXAMPLE 100 PEOPLE EACH TAKING WITH THEM ONE SMALL FIRECRACKER AND THEN PUTTING THEM ALL TOGETHER... THERE'S YOUR BOMB!
OF COURSE 100 MEN IS AN EXAGGERATION BUT... 10 WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY...
IF THEY ADOPTED THIS METHOD THERE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NOTHING WE COULD DO UNTIL THEY ASSEMBLED THE BOMB... WE COULD ONLY ACT AFTER THEY DID IT.
THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THIS METHOD... WHERE COULD THEY TCOME TOGETHER TO ASSEMBLE THE BOMB?
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE EN ROUTE TO DO IT... HERE! RIGHT IN THIS TUNNEL!
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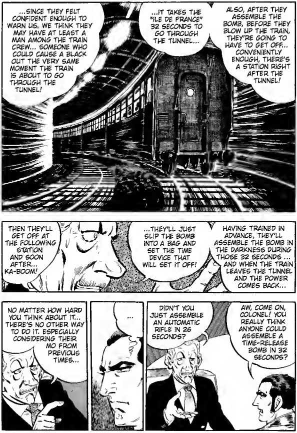
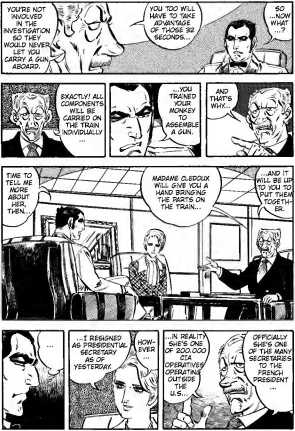

ALSO, AFTER THEY ASSEMBLE THE BOMB, BEFORE THEY BLOW UP THE TRAIN, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET OFF... CONVENIENTLY ENOUGH, THERE'S A STATION RIGHT AFTER THE TUNNEL!
...IT TAKES THE "ILE DE FRANCE" 32 SECONDS TO GO THROUGH THE TUNNEL...
...SINCE THEY FELT CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO WARN US, WE THINK THEY MAY HAVE AT LEAST A MAN AMONG THE TRAIN CREW... SOMEONE WHO COULD CAUSE A BLACK OUT THE VERY SAME MOMENT THE TRAIN IS ABOUT TO GO THROUGH THE TUNNEL!
HAVING TRAINED IN ADVANCE, THEY'LL ASSEMBLE THE BOMB IN THE DARKNESS DURING THOSE 32 SECONDS ... AND WHEN THE TRAIN LEAVES THE TUNNEL AND THE POWER COMES BACK...
...THEY'LL JUST SLIP THE BOMB INTO A BAG AND SET THE TIME DEVICE THAT WILL SET IT OFF!
THEN THEY'LL GET OFF AT THE FOLLOWING STATION AND SOON AFTER... KA-BOOM!
AW, COME ON, COLONEL! YOU REALLY THINK ANYONE COULD ASSEMBLE A TIME-RELEASE BOMB IN 32 SECONDS?
DIDN'T YOU JUST ASSEMBLE AN AUTOMATIC RIFLE IN 26 SECONDS?
...
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU THINK ABOUT IT... THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO DO IT. ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THEIR MO FROM PREVIOUS TIMES...


SO ...NOW WHAT ...?
YOU TOO WILL HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE 32 SECONDS...
YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION SO THEY WOULD NEVER LET YOU CARRY A GUN ABOARD.
AND THAT'S WHY...
...YOU TRAINED YOUR MONKEY TO ASSEMBLE A GUN.
EXACTLY! ALL COMPONENTS WILL BE CARRIED ON THE TRAIN INDIVIDUALLY ...
MADAME CLEDOUX WILL GIVE YOU A HAND BRINGING THE PARTS ON THE TRAIN...
...AND IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO PUT THEM TOGETHER.
TIME TO TELL ME MORE ABOUT HER, THEN...
OFFICIALLY SHE'S ONE OF THE MANY SECRETARIES TO THE FRENCH PRESIDENT ...
...IN REALITY SHE'S ONE OF 200.000 CIA OPERATIVES OPERATING OUTSIDE THE U.S...
HOWEVER ...
...I RESIGNED AS PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY AS OF YESTERDAY.
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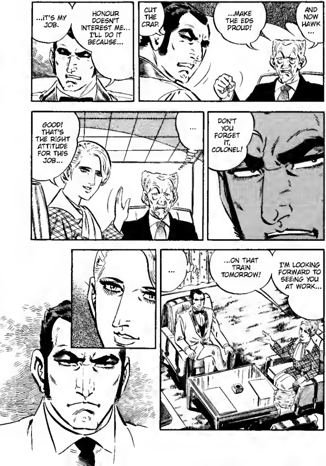
AND NOW HAWK ...
...MAKE THE EDS PROUD!
CUT THE CRAP.
HONOUR DOESN'T INTEREST ME... I'LL DO IT BECAUSE...
...IT'S MY JOB.
DON'T YOU FORGET IT, COLONEL!
...
GOOD! THAT'S THE RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR THIS JOB...
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT WORK...
...ON THAT TRAIN TOMORROW!
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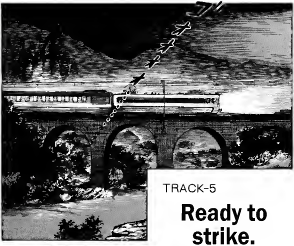
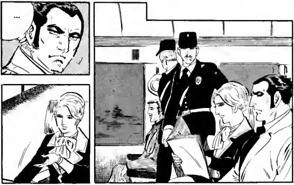
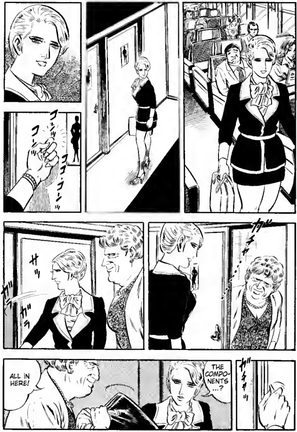


TRACK-5

Ready to strike.

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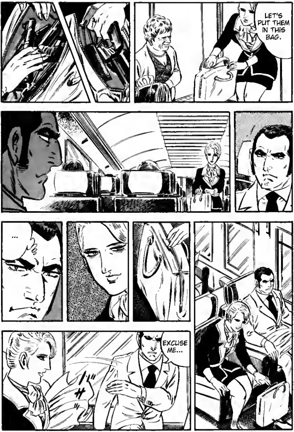
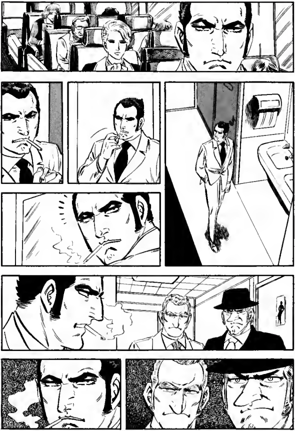
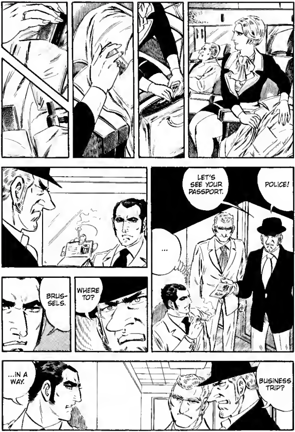
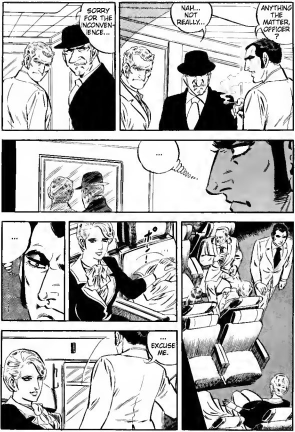
THE COMPONENTS ...?
ALL IN HERE!


LET'S PUT THEM IN THIS BAG.
...
EXCUSE ME...




POLICE!
LET'S SEE YOUR PASSPORT.
...
WHERE TO?
BRUSSELS.
BUSINESS TRIP?
...IN A WAY.


SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE...
ANYTHING THE MATTER, OFFICER?
NAH... NOT REALLY...
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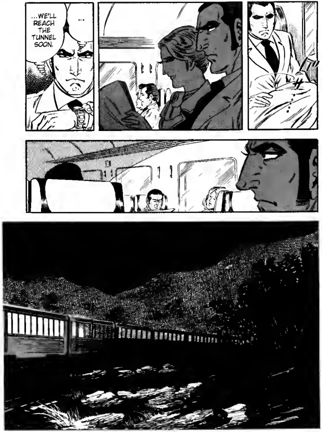
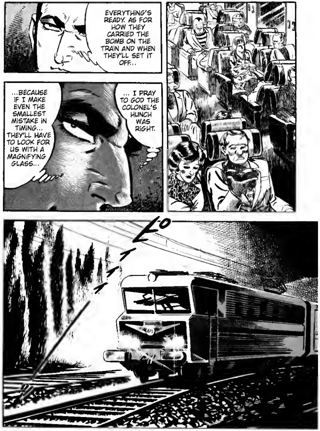
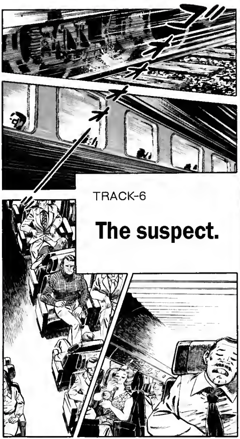
... EXCUSE ME.

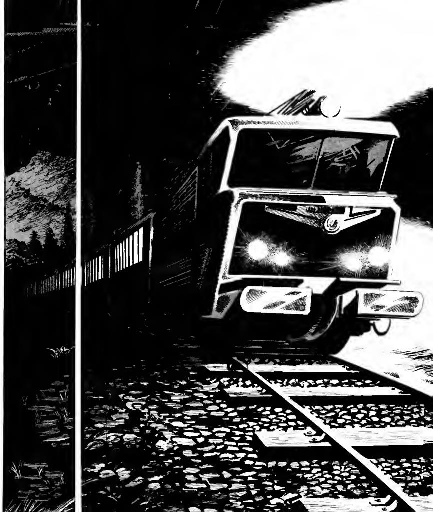

...
...WE'LL REACH THE TUNNEL SOON.

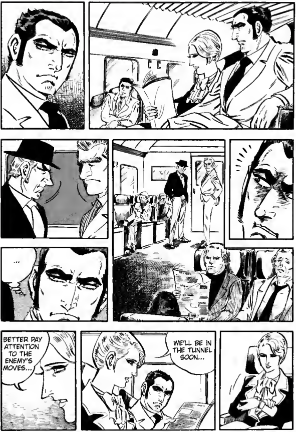

EVERYTHING'S READY. AS FOR HOW THEY CARRIED THE BOMB ON THE TRAIN AND WHEN THEY'LL SET IT OFF...
... I PRAY TO GOD THE COLONEL'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT.
...BECAUSE IF I MAKE EVEN THE SMALLEST MISTAKE IN TIMING... THEY'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR US WITH A MAGNIFYING GLASS...



TRACK-6

The suspect.

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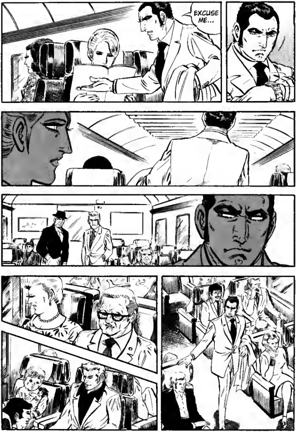
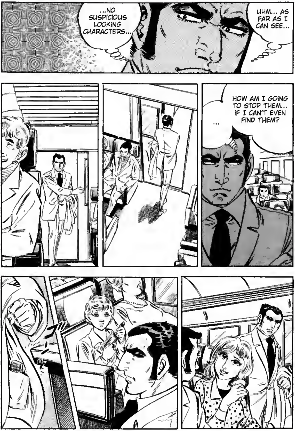
BETTER PAY ATTENTION TO THE ENEMY'S MOVES...
WE'LL BE IN THE TUNNEL SOON...


EXCUSE ME...


UHM... AS FAR AS I CAN SEE...
...NO SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS...
HOW AM I GOING TO STOP THEM... IF I CAN'T EVEN FIND THEM?
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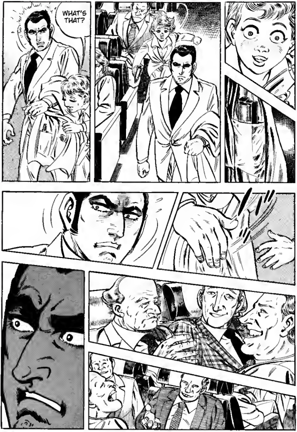
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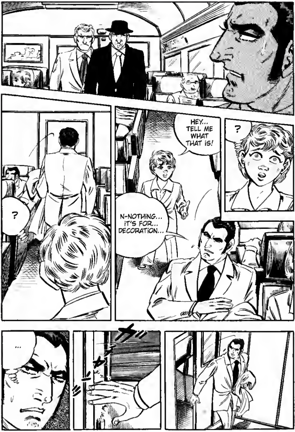
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HEY... TELL ME WHAT THAT IS!
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N-NOTHING... IT'S FOR... DECORATION...
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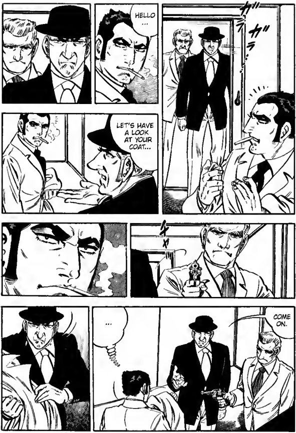ガ"
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HELLO ...
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR COAT...
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COME ON.
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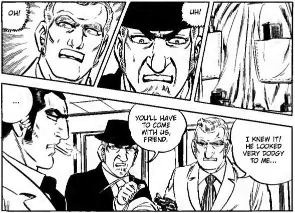
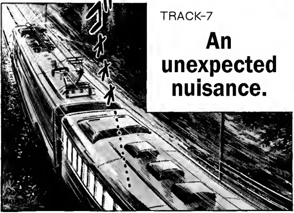
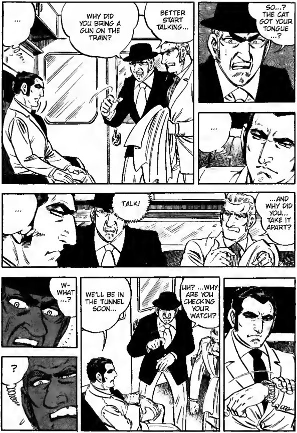

OH!
UH!
...
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US, FRIEND.
I KNEW IT! HE LOOKED VERY DODGY TO ME...

TRACK-7

An unexpected nuisance.

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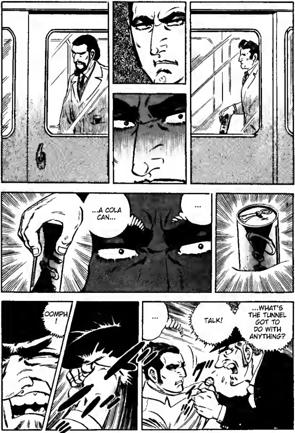
WHY DID YOU BRING A GUN ON THE TRAIN?
BETTER START TALKING...
SO...? THE CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE ...?
...
...
TALK!
...AND WHY DID YOU... TAKE IT APART?
W- WHAT ...?
?
WE'LL BE IN THE TUNNEL SOON...
UH? ...WHY ARE YOU CHECKING YOUR WATCH?


...A COLA CAN...
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OOMPH!
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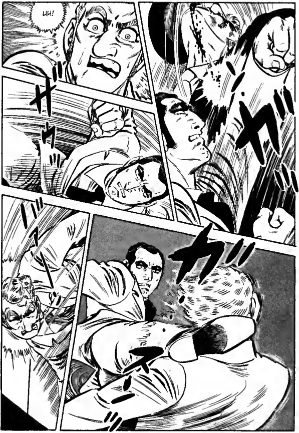
TALK!
...WHAT'S THE TUNNEL GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?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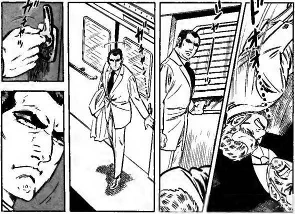
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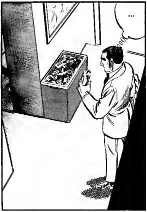
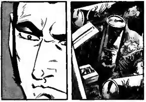
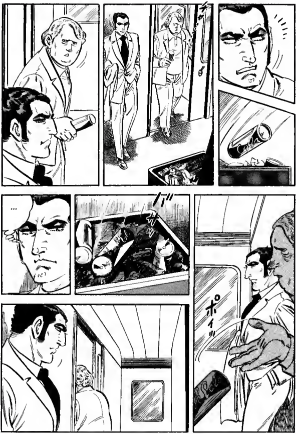
TRACK-8

Just... trash?



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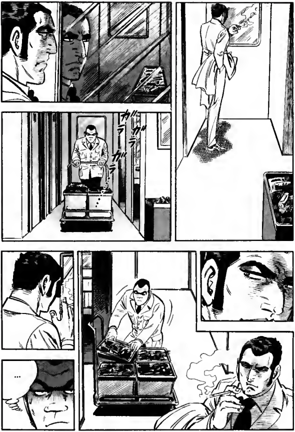
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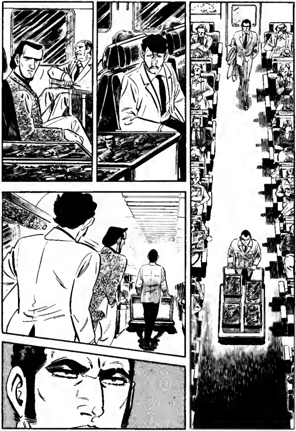

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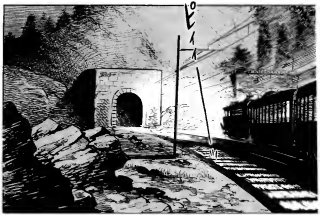
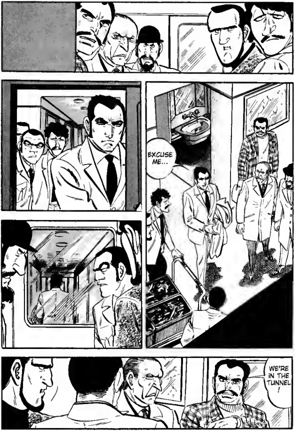
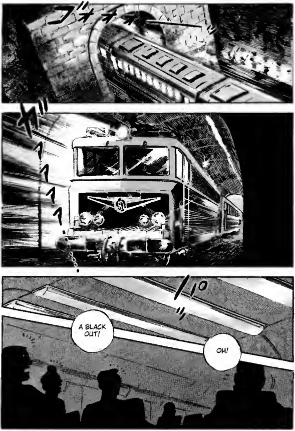
In the dark.




EXCUSE ME...
WE'RE IN THE TUNNEL!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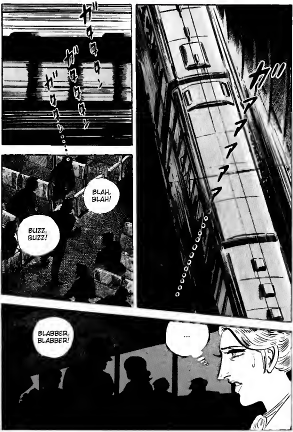
OH!
A BLACK OUT!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BLAH, BLAH!
BUZZ, BUZZ!
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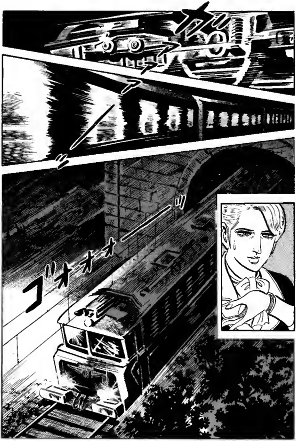
BLABBER, BLABBER!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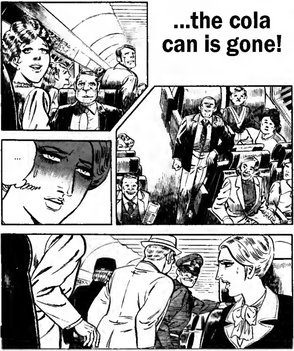
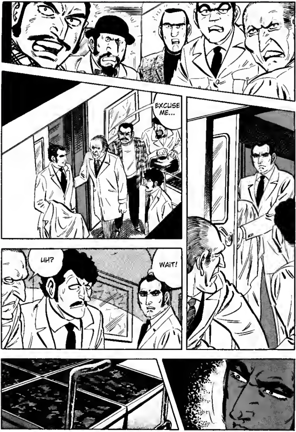
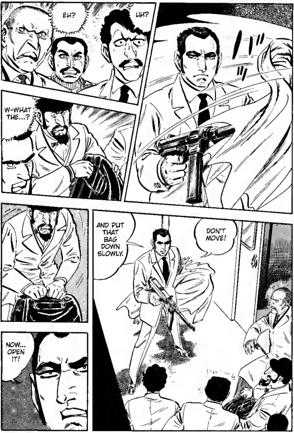
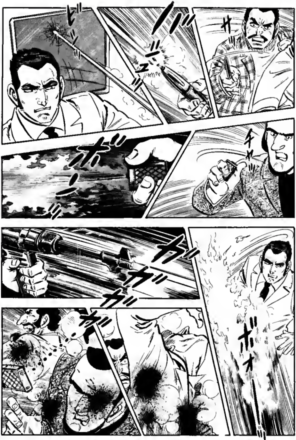
TRACK-10

...the cola can is gone!




EXCUSE ME...
WAIT!
UH?


EH?
UH?
W-WHAT THE...?
DON'T MOVE!
AND PUT THAT BAG DOWN SLOWLY.
NOW... OPEN IT!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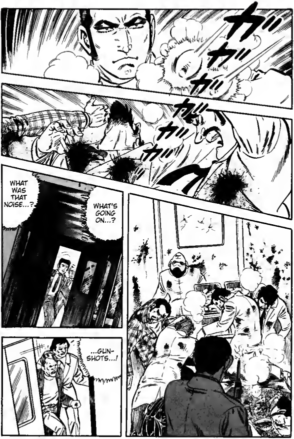
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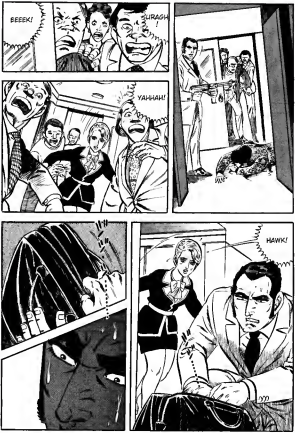
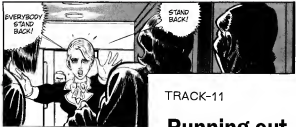
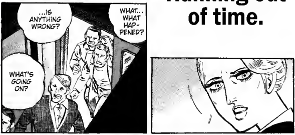
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE...?
...GUN-SHOTS...!

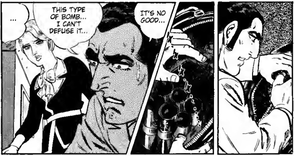

EEEEK!
URAGH!
YAHHAH!
HAWK!


STAND BACK!
EVERYBODY STAND BACK!

TRACK-11

Running out of time.


WHAT... WHAT HAP-PENED?
...IS ANYTHING WRONG?
WHAT'S GOING ON?


IT'S NO GOOD...
THIS TYPE OF BOMB... I CAN'T DEFUSE IT...
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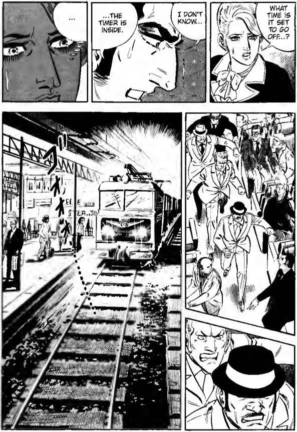
WHAT TIME IS IT SET TO GO OFF...?
I DON'T KNOW...
...THE TIMER IS INSIDE.
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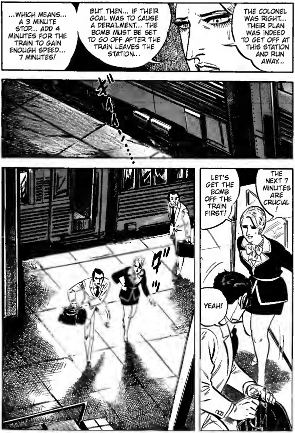
THE COLONEL WAS RIGHT... THEIR PLAN WAS INDEED TO GET OFF AT THIS STATION AND RUN AWAY...
BUT THEN... IF THEIR GOAL WAS TO CAUSE A DERAILMENT... THE BOMB MUST BE SET TO GO OFF AFTER THE TRAIN LEAVES THE STATION...
...WHICH MEANS... A 3 MINUTE STOP... ADD 4 MINUTES FOR THE TRAIN TO GAIN ENOUGH SPEED... 7 MINUTES!
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THE NEXT 7 MINUTES ARE CRUCIAL!
LET'S GET THE BOMB OFF THE TRAIN FIRST!
YEAH!
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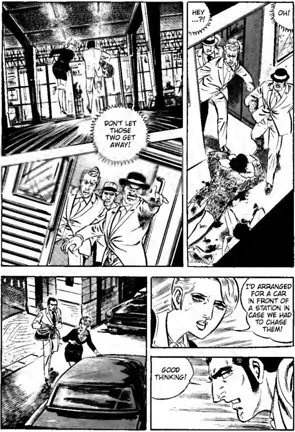
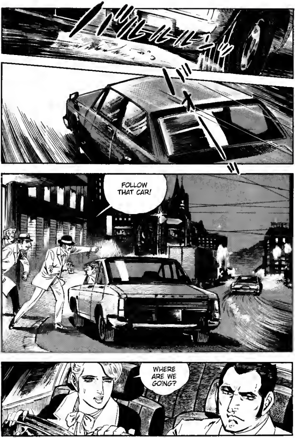

DON'T LET THOSE TWO GET AWAY!
HEY ...?!
OH!
I'D ARRANGED FOR A CAR IN FRONT OF A STATION IN CASE WE HAD TO CHASE THEM!
GOOD THINKING!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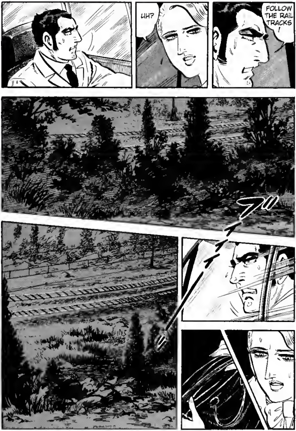
FOLLOW THAT CAR!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?


UH?
FOLLOW THE RAIL TRACKS!
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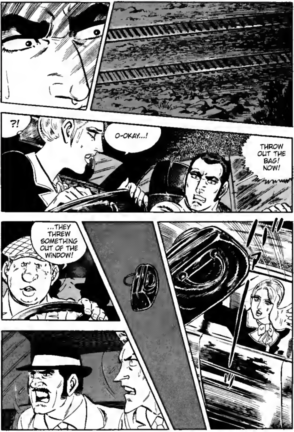
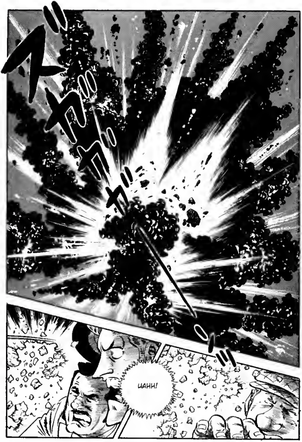

THROW OUT THE BAG! NOW!
O-OKAY...!
?!
...THEY THREW SOMETHING OUT OF THE WINDOW!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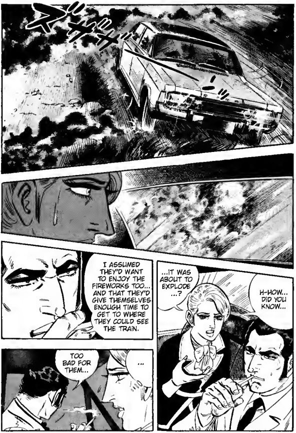
UAHH!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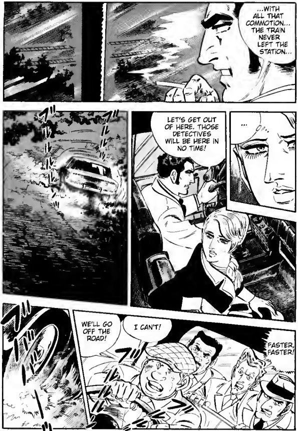
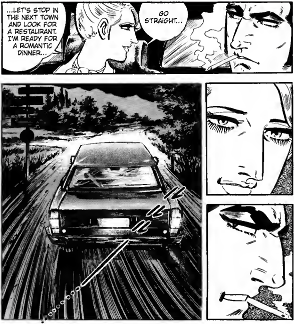
...IT WAS ABOUT TO EXPLODE ...?
H-HOW... DID YOU KNOW...
I ASSUMED THEY'D WANT TO ENJOY THE FIREWORKS TOO... AND THAT THEY'D GIVE THEMSELVES ENOUGH TIME TO GET TO WHERE THEY COULD SEE THE TRAIN.
...
TOO BAD FOR THEM...

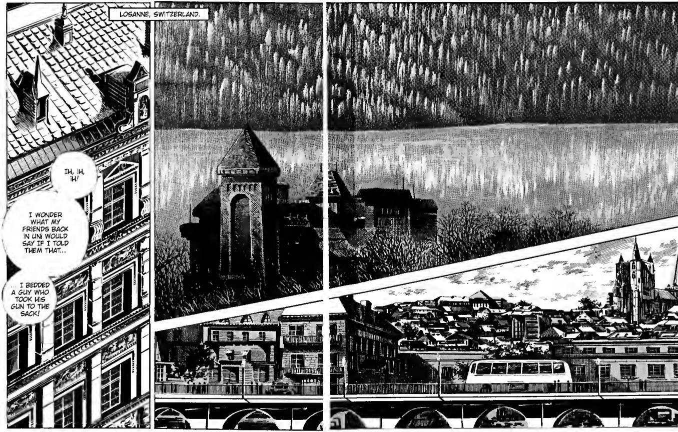

...WITH ALL THAT COMMOTION... THE TRAIN NEVER LEFT THE STATION...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. THOSE DETECTIVES WILL BE HERE IN NO TIME!
...
WE'LL GO OFF THE ROAD!
I CAN'T!
FASTER, FASTER!

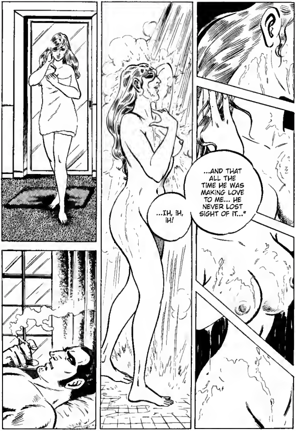

...LET'S STOP IN THE NEXT TOWN AND LOOK FOR A RESTAURANT. I'M READY FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER...
GO STRAIGHT...

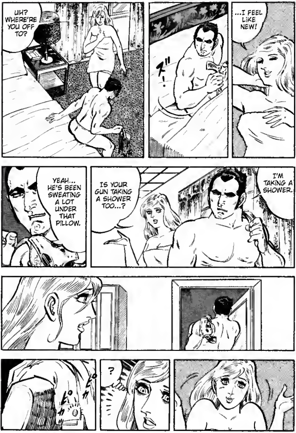
ASSIGNMENT 5: END.

Assignment 6

Verdict in Zurich.


LOSANNE, SWITZERLAND.
IH, IH, IH!
I WONDER WHAT MY FRIENDS BACK IN UNI WOULD SAY IF I TOLD THEM THAT...
... I BEDDED A GUY WHO TOOK HIS GUN TO THE SACK!


...IH, IH, IH!
...AND THAT ALL THE TIME HE WAS MAKING LOVE TO ME... HE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF IT..."


...I FEEL LIKE NEW!
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UH? WHERE'RE YOU OFF TO?
I'M TAKING A SHOWER.
IS YOUR GUN TAKING A SHOWER TOO...?
YEAH... HE'S BEEN SWEATING A LOT UNDER THAT PILLOW.
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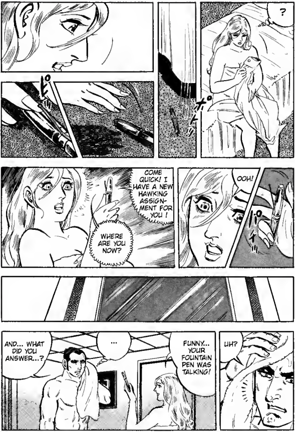
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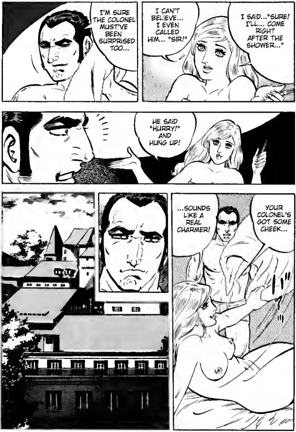
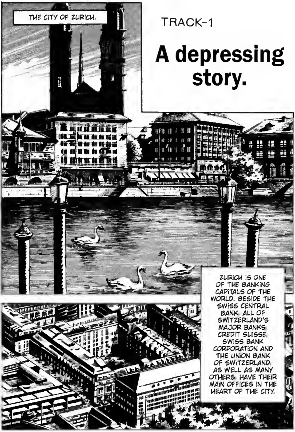
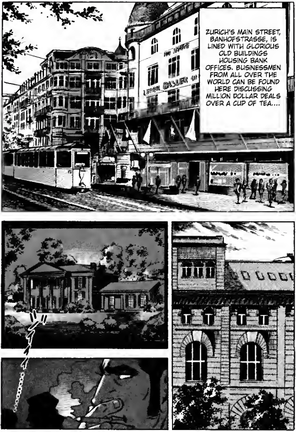
OOH!
COME QUICK! I HAVE A NEW HAWKING ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU!
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
UH?
FUNNY... YOUR FOUNTAIN PEN WAS TALKING!
...
AND... WHAT DID YOU ANSWER...?


I SAID..."SURE! I'LL... COME RIGHT AFTER THE SHOWER..."
I CAN'T BELIEVE... I EVEN CALLED HIM... "SIR!"
I'M SURE THE COLONEL MUST'VE BEEN SURPRISED TOO...
HE SAID "HURRY!" AND HUNG UP!
YOUR COLONEL'S GOT SOME CHEEK...
...SOUNDS LIKE A REAL CHARMER!

TRACK-1

A depressing story.


THE CITY OF ZURICH.
ZURICH IS ONE OF THE BANKING CAPITALS OF THE WORLD. BESIDE THE SWISS CENTRAL BANK, ALL OF SWITZERLAND'S MAJOR BANKS, CREDIT SUISSE, SWISS BANK CORPORATION AND THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS, HAVE THEIR MAIN OFFICES IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.


ZURICH'S MAIN STREET, BANHOFSTRASSE, IS LINED WITH GLORIOUS OLD BUILDINGS HOUSING BANK OFFICES. BUSINESSMEN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN BE FOUND HERE DISCUSSING MILLION DOLLAR DEALS OVER A CUP OF TEA....
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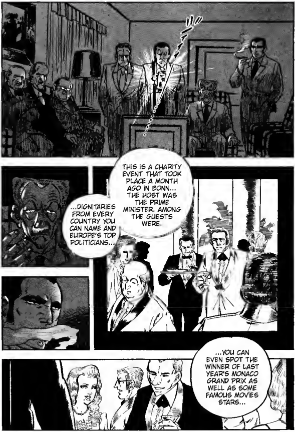
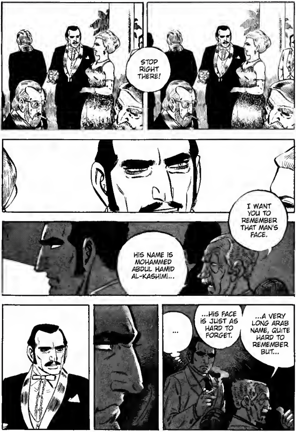
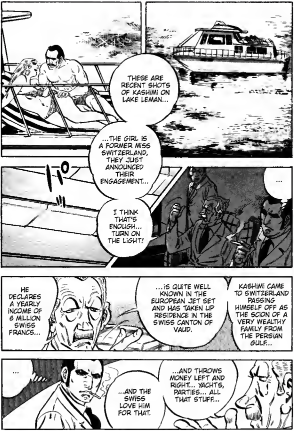
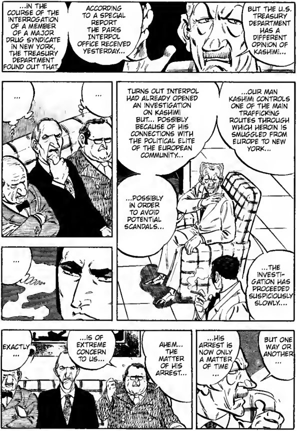
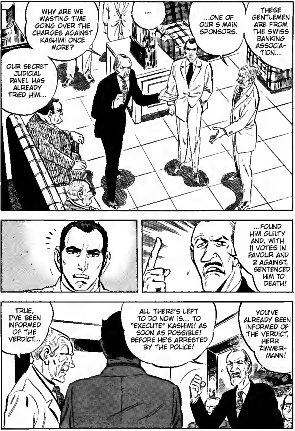
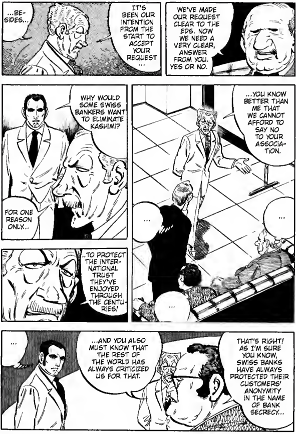

THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE A MONTH AGO IN BONN... THE HOST WAS THE PRIME MINISTER. AMONG THE GUESTS WERE...
...DIGNITARIES FROM EVERY COUNTRY YOU CAN NAME AND EUROPE'S TOP POLITICIANS...
...YOU CAN EVEN SPOT THE WINNER OF LAST YEAR'S MONACO GRAND PRIX AS WELL AS SOME FAMOUS MOVIES STARS...

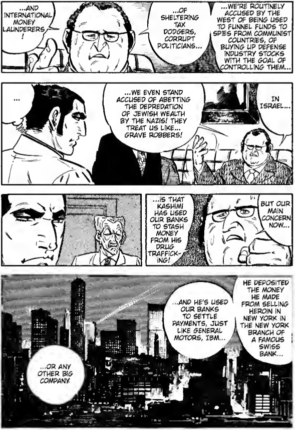

STOP RIGHT THERE!
I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT MAN'S FACE.
HIS NAME IS MOHAMMED ABDUL HAMID AL-KASHIMI...
...A VERY LONG ARAB NAME, QUITE HARD TO REMEMBER BUT...
...HIS FACE IS JUST AS HARD TO FORGET.
...

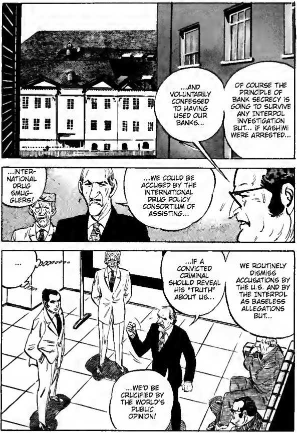

THESE ARE RECENT SHOTS OF KASHIMI ON LAKE LEMAN...
...THE GIRL IS A FORMER MISS SWITZERLAND, THEY JUST ANNOUNCED THEIR ENGAGEMENT...
...
I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH... TURN ON THE LIGHT!
KASHIMI CAME TO SWITZERLAND PASSING HIMSELF OFF AS THE SCION OF A VERY WEALTHY FAMILY FROM THE PERSIAN GULF...
...IS QUITE WELL KNOWN IN THE EUROPEAN JET SET AND HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN THE SWISS CANTON OF VAUD.
HE DECLARES A YEARLY INCOME OF 6 MILLION SWISS FRANCS...
...AND THROWS MONEY LEFT AND RIGHT... YACHTS, PARTIES... ALL THAT STUFF...
...AND THE SWISS LOVE HIM FOR THAT.
...

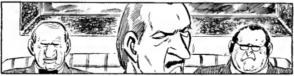

BUT THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION OF KASHIMI...
ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL REPORT THE PARIS INTERPOL OFFICE RECEIVED YESTERDAY...
...IN THE COURSE OF THE INTERROGATION OF A MEMBER OF A MAJOR DRUG SYNDICATE IN NEW YORK, THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOUND OUT THAT...
...OUR MAN KASHIMI CONTROLS ONE OF THE MAIN TRAFFICKING ROUTES THROUGH WHICH HEROIN IS SMUGGLED FROM EUROPE TO NEW YORK...
TURNS OUT INTERPOL HAD ALREADY OPENED AN INVESTIGATION ON KASHIMI BUT... POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THE POLITICAL ELITE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY...
...POSSIBLY IN ORDER TO AVOID POTENTIAL SCANDALS...
...THE INVESTIGATION HAS PROCEEDED SUSPICIOUSLY SLOWLY....
...
...
...
BUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
...HIS ARREST IS NOW ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...
AHEM... THE MATTER OF HIS ARREST...
...IS OF EXTREME CONCERN TO US...
EXACTLY...


THESE GENTLEMEN ARE FROM THE SWISS BANKING ASSOCIATION...
...ONE OF OUR 5 MAIN SPONSORS.
...
WHY ARE WE WASTING TIME GOING OVER THE CHARGES AGAINST KASHIMI ONCE MORE?
OUR SECRET JUDICIAL PANEL HAS ALREADY TRIED HIM...
...FOUND HIM GUILTY AND, WITH 11 VOTES IN FAVOUR AND 2 AGAINST, SENTENCED HIM TO DEATH!
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE VERDICT, HERR ZIMMERMANN!
TRUE, I'VE BEEN INFORMED OF THE VERDICT...
ALL THERE'S LEFT TO DO NOW IS... TO "EXECUTE" KASHIMI! AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! BEFORE HE'S ARRESTED BY THE POLICE!


...BESIDES...
IT'S BEEN OUR INTENTION FROM THE START TO ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST ...
WE'VE MADE OUR REQUEST CLEAR TO THE EDS. NOW WE NEED A VERY CLEAR, ANSWER FROM YOU. YES OR NO.
WHY WOULD SOME SWISS BANKERS WANT TO ELIMINATE KASHIMI?
FOR ONE REASON ONLY...
...TO PROTECT THE INTERNATIONAL TRUST THEY'VE ENJOYED THROUGH THE CENTURIES!
...YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ME THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SAY NO TO YOUR ASSOCIATION.
...
...
...
...
...AND YOU ALSO MUST KNOW THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS CRITICIZED US FOR THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT! AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, SWISS BANKS HAVE ALWAYS PROTECTED THEIR CUSTOMERS' ANONYMITY IN THE NAME OF BANK SECRECY...

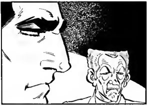

...WE'RE ROUTINELY ACCUSED BY THE WEST OF BEING USED TO FUNNEL FUNDS TO SPIES FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, OF BUYING UP DEFENSE INDUSTRY STOCKS WITH THE GOAL OF CONTROLLING THEM...
...OF SHELTERING TAX DODGERS, CORRUPT POLITICIANS...
...AND INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERERS!
IN ISRAEL...
...WE EVEN STAND ACCUSED OF ABETTING THE DEPREDATION OF JEWISH WEALTH BY THE NAZIS! THEY TREAT US LIKE... GRAVE ROBBERS!
...
BUT OUR MAIN CONCERN NOW...
...IS THAT KASHIMI HAS USED OUR BANKS TO STASH MONEY FROM HIS DRUG TRAFFICKING!
HE DEPOSITED THE MONEY HE MADE FROM SELLING HEROIN IN NEW YORK IN THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF A FAMOUS SWISS BANK...
...AND HE'S USED OUR BANKS TO SETTLE PAYMENTS, JUST LIKE GENERAL MOTORS, IBM...
...OR ANY OTHER BIG COMPANY

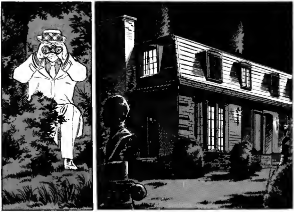

OF COURSE THE PRINCIPLE OF BANK SECRECY IS GOING TO SURVIVE ANY INTERPOL INVESTIGATION BUT... IF KASHIMI WERE ARRESTED...
...AND VOLUNTARILY CONFESSED TO HAVING USED OUR BANKS...
...WE COULD BE ACCUSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY CONSORTIUM OF ASSISTING...
...INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGLERS!
...
Dooooooo
Dooo
WE ROUTINELY DISMISS ACCUSATIONS BY THE U.S. AND BY THE INTERPOL AS BASELESS ALLEGATIONS BUT...
...IF A CONVICTED CRIMINAL SHOULD REVEAL HIS "TRUTH" ABOUT US...
...WE'D BE CRUCIFIED BY THE WORLD'S PUBLIC OPINION!

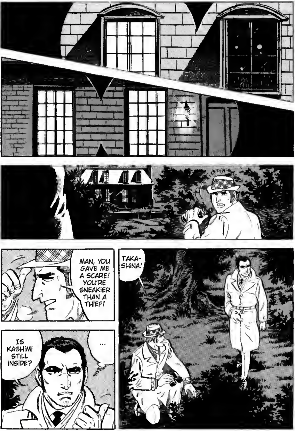


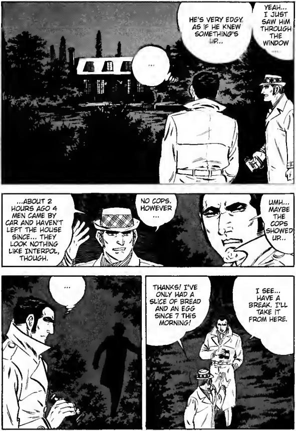
TRACK-2

A ruthless assignment.






TAKA-SHINA!
MAN, YOU GAVE ME A SCARE! YOU'RE SNEAKIER THAN A THIEF!
...
IS KASHIMI STILL INSIDE?


YEAH... I JUST SAW HIM THROUGH THE WINDOW
HE'S VERY EDGY AS IF HE KNEW SOMETHING'S UP...
...
UMH... MAYBE THE COPS SHOWED UP...
NO COPS. HOWEVER ...
...ABOUT 2 HOURS AGO 4 MEN CAME BY CAR AND HAVEN'T LEFT THE HOUSE SINCE... THEY LOOK NOTHING LIKE INTERPOL, THOUGH.
I SEE... HAVE A BREAK. I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
THANKS! I'VE ONLY HAD A SLICE OF BREAD AND AN EGG SINCE 7 THIS MORNING!
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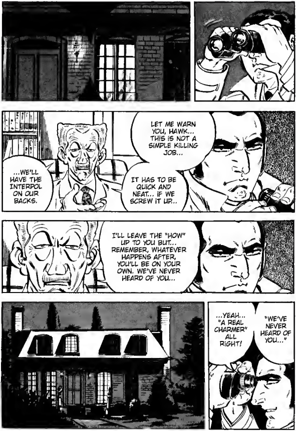
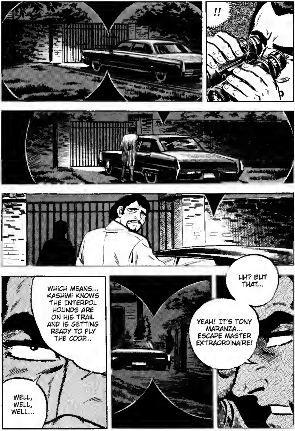

LET ME WARN YOU, HAWK... THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE KILLING JOB...
IT HAS TO BE QUICK AND NEAT... IF WE SCREW IT UP..
...WE'LL HAVE THE INTERPOL ON OUR BACKS.
I'LL LEAVE THE "HOW" UP TO YOU BUT... REMEMBER, WHATEVER HAPPENS AFTER, YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN. WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU...
"WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU..."
...YEAH... "A REAL CHARMER" ALL RIGHT!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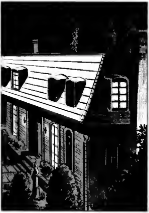
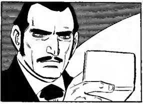
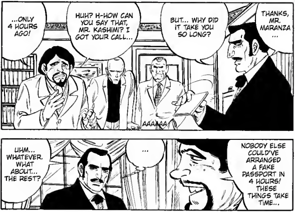
UH? BUT THAT...
YEAH! IT'S TONY MARANZA... ESCAPE MASTER EXTRAORDINAIRE!
WHICH MEANS... KASHIMI KNOWS THE INTERPOL HOUNDS ARE ON HIS TRAIL AND IS GETTING READY TO FLY THE COOP...
WELL, WELL, WELL...

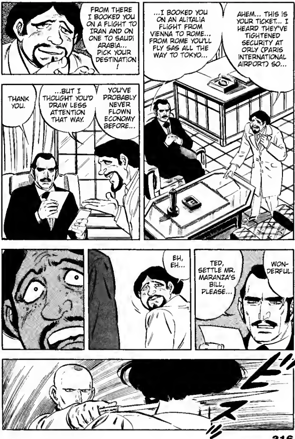
TRACK-3

A man on the run.






THANKS, MR. MARANZA ...
BUT... WHY DID IT TAKE YOU SO LONG?
HUH? H-HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, MR. KASHIMI? I GOT YOUR CALL...
...ONLY 4 HOURS AGO!
AAAAAAA
NOBODY ELSE COULD'VE ARRANGED A FAKE PASSPORT IN 4 HOURS! THESE THINGS TAKE TIME...
...
UHM... WHATEVER. WHAT ABOUT... THE REST?


AHEM... THIS IS YOUR TICKET... I HEARD THEY'VE TIGHTENED SECURITY AT ORLY (PARIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT) SO...
...I BOOKED YOU ON AN ALITALIA FLIGHT FROM VIENNA TO ROME... FROM ROME YOU'LL FLY SAS ALL THE WAY TO TOKYO...
FROM THERE I BOOKED YOU ON A FLIGHT TO IRAN AND ON ONE TO SAUDI ARABIA... PICK YOUR DESTINATION!
YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER FLOWN ECONOMY BEFORE...
...BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D DRAW LESS ATTENTION THAT WAY.
THANK YOU.
WON-DERFUL.
TED, SETTLE MR. MARANZA'S BILL, PLEASE...
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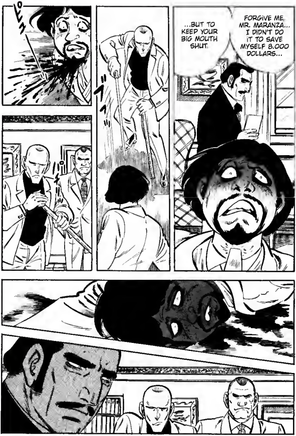
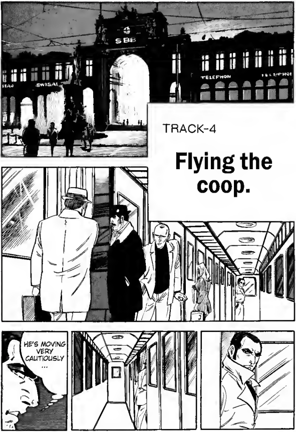

FORGIVE ME, MR. MARANZA... I DIDN'T DO IT TO SAVE MYSELF 8.000 DOLLARS...
...BUT TO KEEP YOUR BIG MOUTH SHUT.

TRACK-4

Flying the coop.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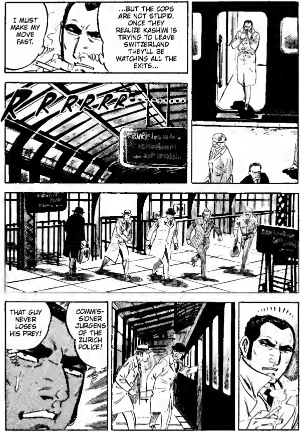
HE'S MOVING VERY CAUTIOUSLY ...


I MUST MAKE MY MOVE FAST.
...BUT THE COPS ARE NOT STUPID. ONCE THEY REALIZE KASHIMI IS TRYING TO LEAVE SWITZERLAND THEY'LL BE WATCHING ALL THE EXITS...
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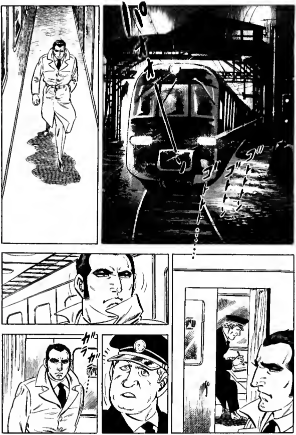
THAT GUY NEVER LOSES HIS PREY!
COMMIS-SIONER JURGENS OF THE ZURICH POLICE!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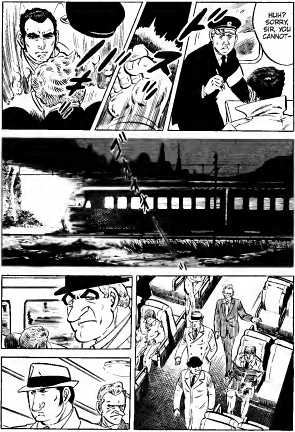
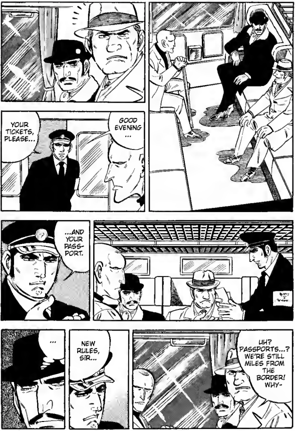

HUH? SORRY, SIR, YOU CANNOT-


YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE...
GOOD EVENING ...
...AND YOUR PASSPORT.
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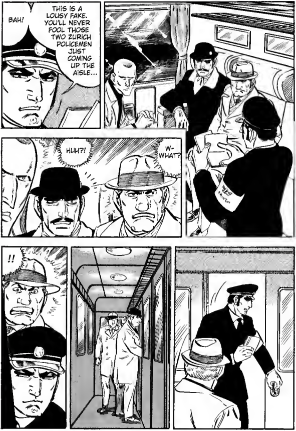
NEW RULES, SIR...
UH? PASSPORTS...? WE'RE STILL MiLES FROM THE BORDER! WHY-


BAH!
THIS IS A LOUSY FAKE. YOU'LL NEVER FOOL THOSE TWO ZURICH POLICEMEN JUST COMING UP THE AISLE...
HUH?!
W-WHAT?
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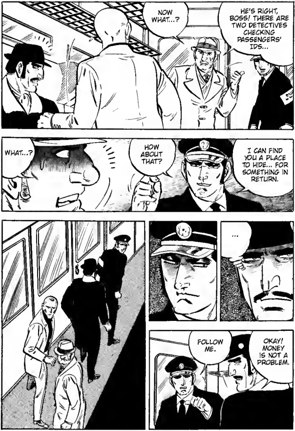
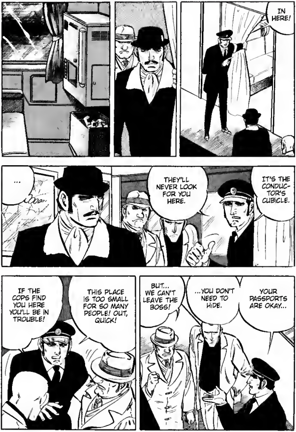
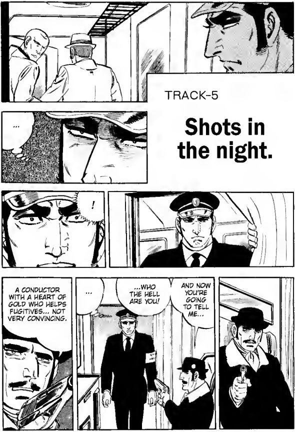

NOW WHAT...?
HE'S RIGHT, BOSS! THERE ARE TWO DETECTIVES CHECKING PASSENGERS' IDS...
WHAT...?
HOW ABOUT THAT?
I CAN FIND YOU A PLACE TO HIDE... FOR SOMETHING IN RETURN.
...
FOLLOW ME.
OKAY! MONEY IS NOT A PROBLEM.


IN HERE!
IT'S THE CONDUCTOR'S CUBICLE.
THEY'LL NEVER LOOK FOR YOU HERE.
...
YOUR PASSPORTS ARE OKAY...
...YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE.
BUT... WE CAN'T LEAVE THE BOSS!
THIS PLACE IS TOO SMALL FOR SO MANY PEOPLE! OUT, QUICK!
IF THE COPS FIND YOU HERE YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE!

TRACK-5

Shots in the night.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A CONDUCTOR WITH A HEART OF GOLD WHO HELPS FUGITIVES... NOT VERY CONVINCING.
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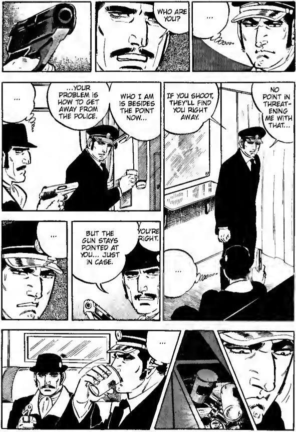
...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME...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WHO ARE YOU?
NO POINT IN THREAT-ENING ME WITH THAT...
IF YOU SHOOT, THEY'LL FIND YOU RIGHT AWAY.
WHO I AM IS BESIDES THE POINT NOW...
...YOUR PROBLEM IS HOW TO GET AWAY FROM THE POLICE.
...
...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT THE GUN STAYS POINTED AT YOU... JUST IN CASE.
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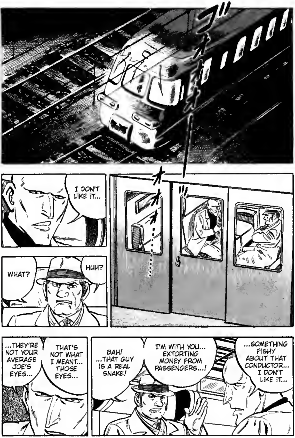
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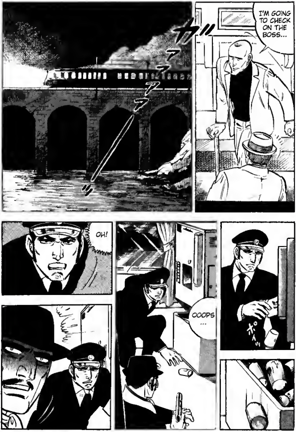
I DON'T LIKE IT...
HUH?
WHAT?
...SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT CONDUCTOR... I DON'T LIKE IT...
I'M WITH YOU... EXTORTING MONEY FROM PASSENGERS...!
BAH! ...THAT GUY IS A REAL SNAKE!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT... THOSE EYES...
...THEY'RE NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE'S EYES...


I'M GOING TO CHECK ON THE BOSS...
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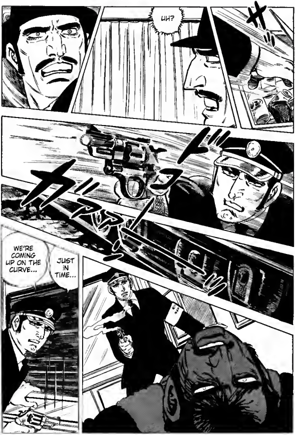
OOOPS ...
OH!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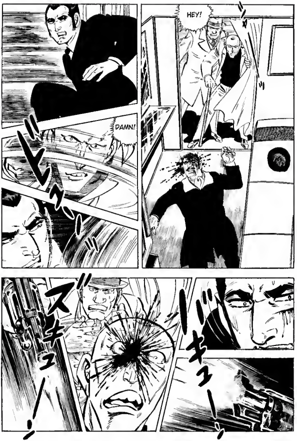
WE'RE COMING UP ON THE CURVE...
JUST IN TIME...


HEY!
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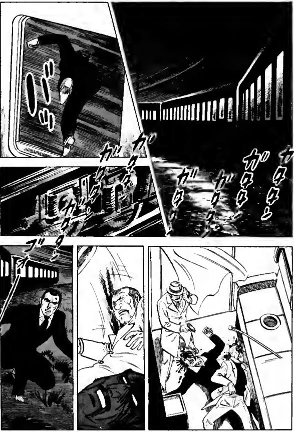
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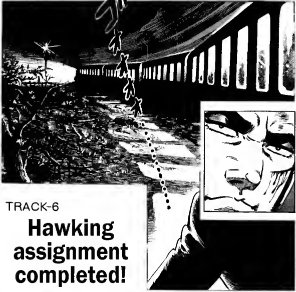

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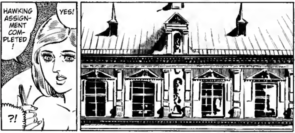
Hawking assignment completed!


HAWKING ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED!
YES!
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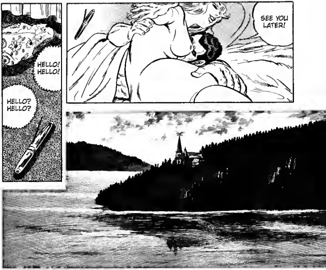
SEE YOU LATER!
HELLO! HELLO!
HELLO? HELLO?

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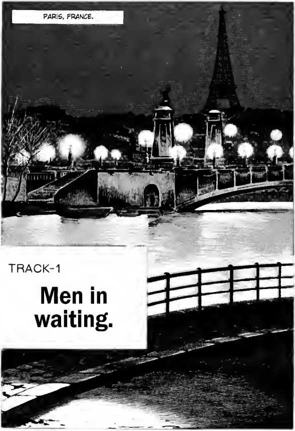
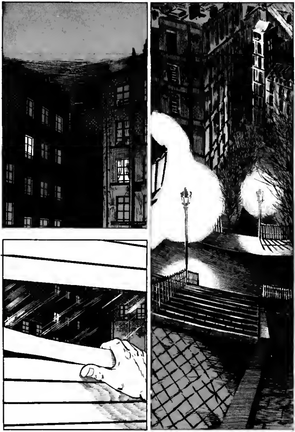
Assignment 7

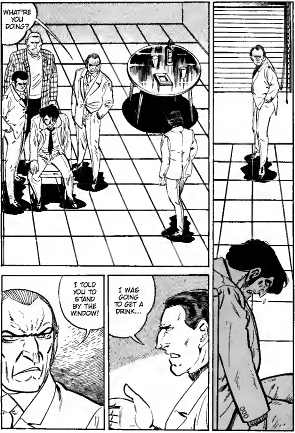
Kasba's end.

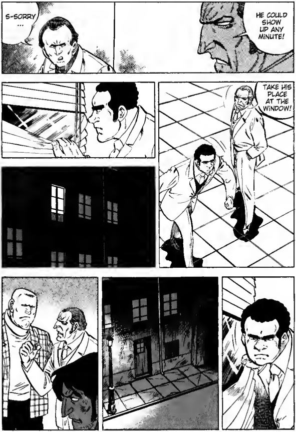
TRACK-1

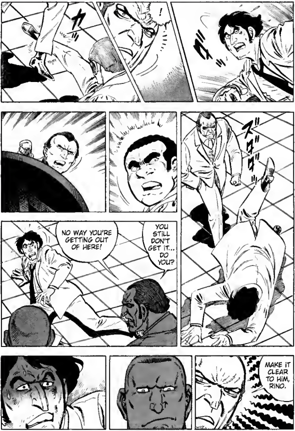
Men in waiting.

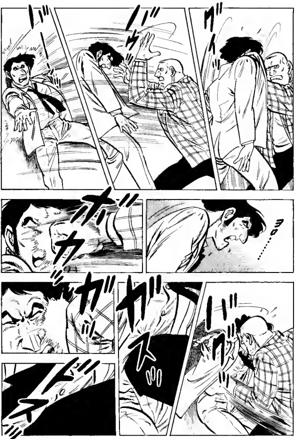

PARIS, FRANCE.




WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
I TOLD YOU TO STAND BY THE WINDOW!
I WAS GOING TO GET A DRINK...


S-SORRY ...
HE COULD SHOW UP ANY MINUTE!
TAKE HIS PLACE AT THE WINDOW!


YOU STILL DON'T GET IT... DO YOU?
NO WAY YOU'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!
MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM, RINO.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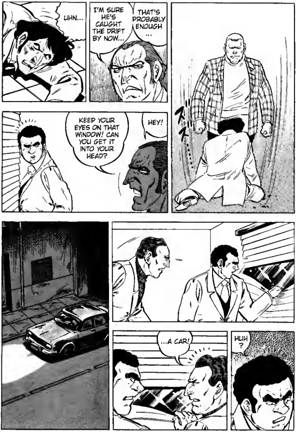
UHN...
I'M SURE HE'S CAUGHT THE DRIFT BY NOW...
THAT'S PROBABLY ENOUGH ...
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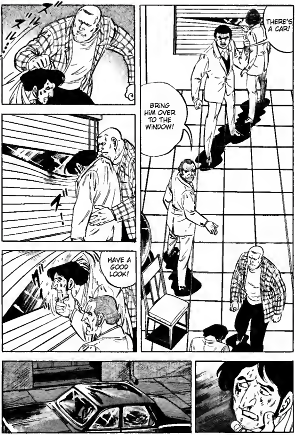
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THAT WINDOW! CAN YOU GET IT INTO YOUR HEAD?
HEY!
...A CAR!
HUH ?


THERE'S A CAR!
BRING HIM OVER TO THE WINDOW!
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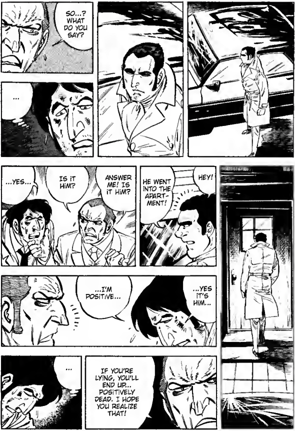
HAVE A GOOD LOOK!


SO...? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
...
...YES...
IS iT HiM?
ANSWER ME! IS iT HiM?
HE WENT INTO THE APARTMENT!
HEY!
...I'M POSiTiVE...
...YES iT'S HiM...
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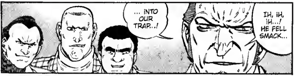
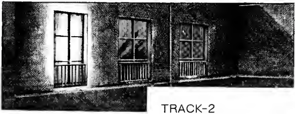
IF YOU'RE LYiNG, YOU'LL END UP... POSiTiVELY DEAD. I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT!


IH, IH, IH...! HE FELL SMACK...
... INTO OUR TRAP...!



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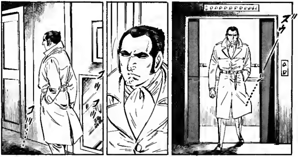
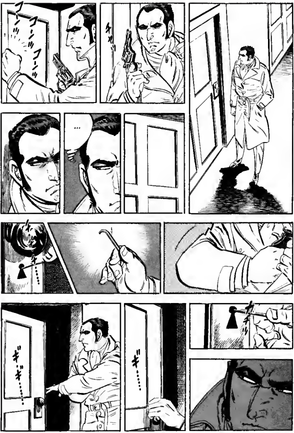
You're Ali Boan.

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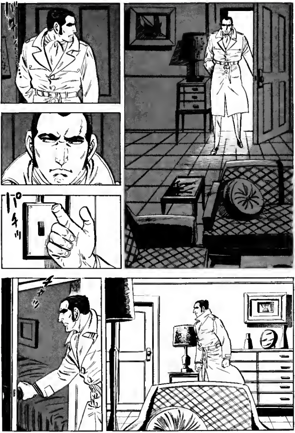
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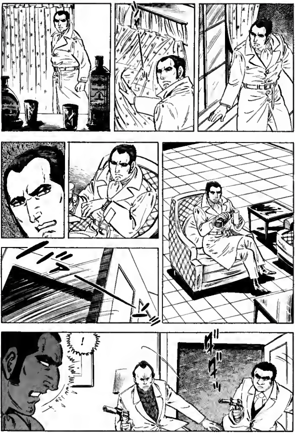
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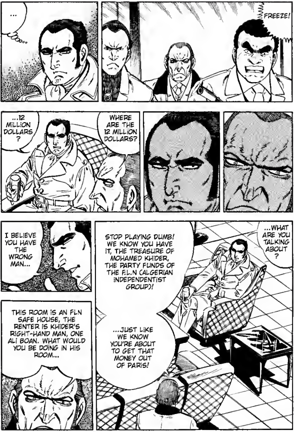
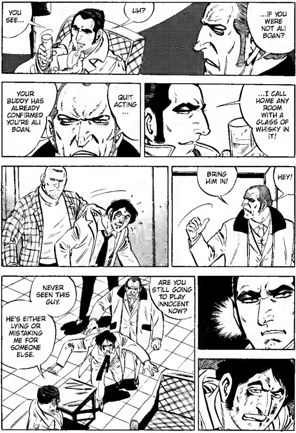
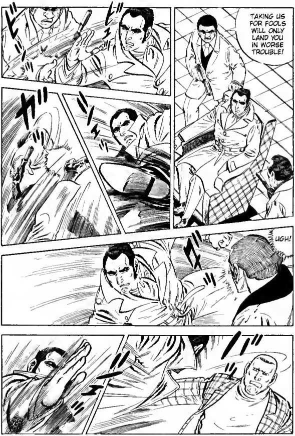
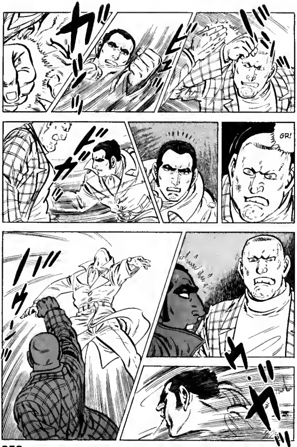

FREEZE!
...
WHERE ARE THE 12 MILLION DOLLARS?
...12 MILLION DOLLARS ?
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
STOP PLAYING DUMB! WE KNOW YOU HAVE IT, THE TREASURE OF MOHAMED KHIDER, THE PARTY FUNDS OF THE F.L.N (ALGERIAN INDEPENDENTIST GROUP)!
...JUST LIKE WE KNOW YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET THAT MONEY OUT OF PARIS!
I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE WRONG MAN...
THIS ROOM IS AN FLN SAFE HOUSE, THE RENTER IS KHIDER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, ONE ALI BOAN. WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IN HIS ROOM...


YOU SEE...
UH?
...IF YOU WERE NOT ALI BOAN?
YOUR BUDDY HAS ALREADY CONFIRMED YOU'RE ALI BOAN.
QUIT ACTING...
...I CALL HOME ANY ROOM WITH A GLASS OF WHISKY IN IT!
BRING HIM IN!
HEY!
ARE YOU STILL GOING TO PLAY INNOCENT NOW?
NEVER SEEN THIS GUY.
HE'S EITHER LYING OR MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.


TAKING US FOR FOOLS WILL ONLY LAND YOU IN WORSE TROUBLE!
UGH!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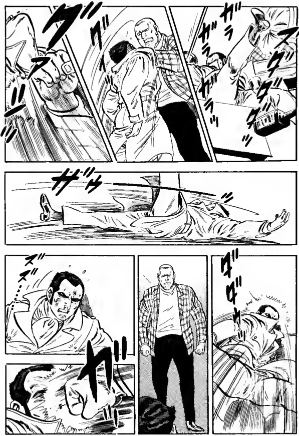
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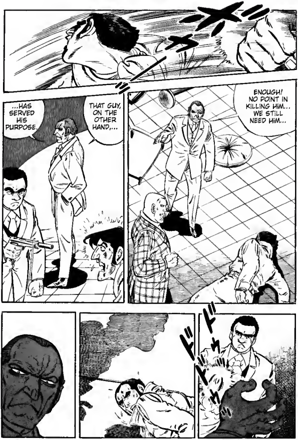
ENOUGH! NO POINT IN KILLING HIM... WE STILL NEED HIM...
THAT GUY, ON THE OTHER HAND,...
...HAS SERVED HIS PURPOSE.
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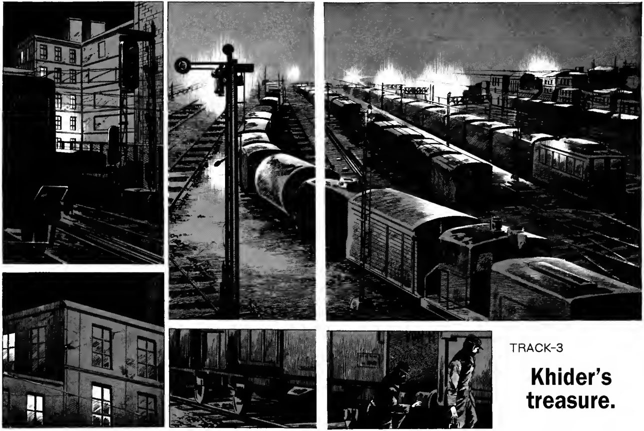
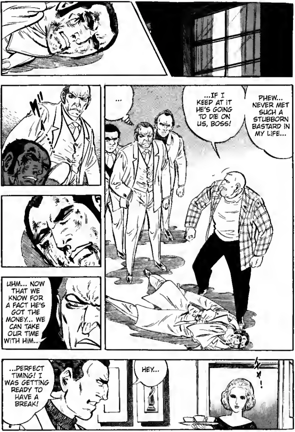
TRACK-3

Khider's treasure.

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...IF I KEEP AT IT HE'S GOING TO DIE ON US, BOSS!
PHEW... NEVER MET SUCH A STUBBORN BASTARD IN MY LIFE...
UHM... NOW THAT WE KNOW FOR A FACT HE'S GOT THE MONEY... WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME WITH HIM...
...PERFECT TIMING! I WAS GETTING READY TO HAVE A BREAK!
HEY...
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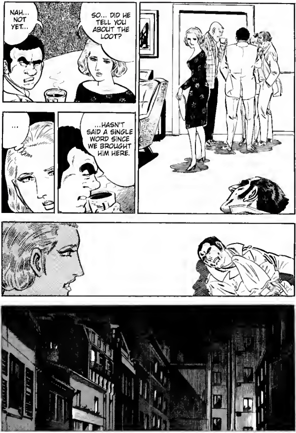
SO... DID HE TELL YOU ABOUT THE LOOT?
NAH... NOT YET...
...HASN'T SAID A SINGLE WORD SINCE WE BROUGHT HIM HERE.
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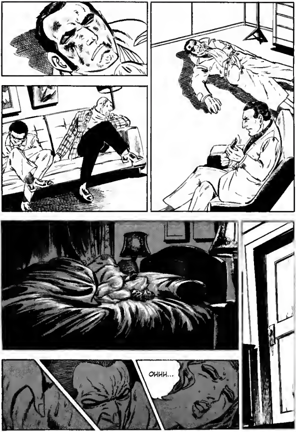
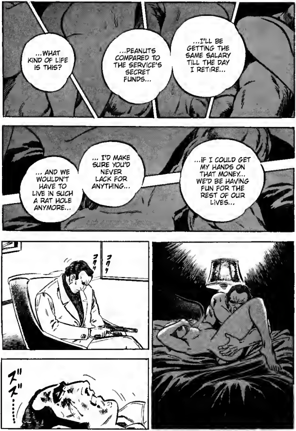

OHHH...


...I'LL BE GETTING THE SAME SALARY TILL THE DAY I RETIRE...
...PEANUTS COMPARED TO THE SERVICE'S SECRET FUNDS...
...WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THIS?
...IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON THAT MONEY... WE'D BE HAVING FUN FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES...
... I'D MAKE SURE YOU'D NEVER LACK FOR ANYTHING...
... AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO LIVE IN SUCH A RAT HOLE ANYMORE...
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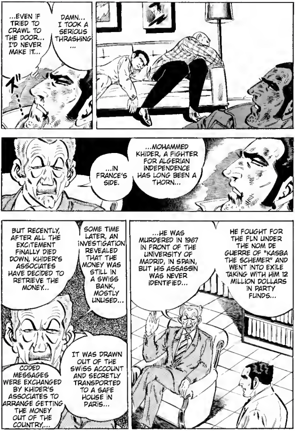
DAMN... I TOOK A SERIOUS THRASHING...
...EVEN IF TRIED TO CRAWL TO THE DOOR... I'D NEVER MAKE IT...
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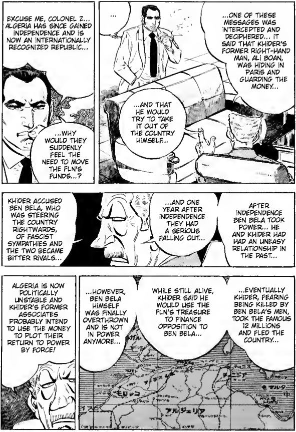
...MOHAMMED KHIDER, A FIGHTER FOR ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE HAS LONG BEEN A THORN...
...IN FRANCE'S SIDE.
HE FOUGHT FOR THE FLN UNDER THE NOM DE GUERRE OF "KASBA THE SCHEMER" AND WENT INTO EXILE TAKING WITH HIM 12 MILLION DOLLARS IN PARTY FUNDS...
...HE WAS MURDERED IN 1967 IN FRONT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, IN SPAIN, BUT HIS ASSASSIN WAS NEVER IDENTIFIED...
SOME TIME LATER, AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE MONEY WAS STILL IN A SWISS BANK, MOSTLY UNUSED...
BUT RECENTLY, AFTER ALL THE EXCITEMENT FINALLY DIED DOWN, KHIDER'S ASSOCIATES HAVE DECIDED TO RETRIEVE THE MONEY...
CODED MESSAGES WERE EXCHANGED BY KHIDER'S ASSOCIATES TO ARRANGE GETTING THE MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY,...
IT WAS DRAWN OUT OF THE SWISS ACCOUNT AND SECRETLY TRANSPORTED TO A SAFE HOUSE IN PARIS...


...ONE OF THESE MESSAGES WAS INTERCEPTED AND DECIPHERED... IT SAID THAT KHIDER'S FORMER RIGHT-HAND MAN, ALI BOAN, WAS HIDING IN PARIS AND GUARDING THE MONEY...
...AND THAT HE WOULD TRY TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE COUNTRY HIMSELF...
...
EXCUSE ME, COLONEL Z... ALGERIA HAS SINCE GAINED INDEPENDENCE AND IS NOW AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC...
...WHY WOULD THEY SUDDENLY FEEL THE NEED TO MOVE THE FLN'S FUNDS...?
AFTER INDEPENDENCE BEN BELA TOOK POWER... HE AND KHIDER HAD HAD AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP IN THE PAST...
...AND ONE YEAR AFTER INDEPENDENCE THEY HAD A SERIOUS FALLING OUT...
KHIDER ACCUSED BEN BELA, WHO WAS STEERING THE COUNTRY RIGHTWARDS, OF FASCIST SYMPATHIES AND THE TWO BECAME BITTER RIVALS...
...EVENTUALLY KHIDER, FEARING BEING KILLED BY BEN BELA'S MEN, TOOK THE FAMOUS 12 MILLIONS AND FLED THE COUNTRY...
WHILE STILL ALIVE, KHIDER SAID HE WOULD USE THE FLN'S TREASURE TO FINANCE OPPOSITION TO BEN BELA...
...HOWEVER, BEN BELA HIMSELF WAS FINALLY OVERTHROWN AND IS NOT IN POWER ANYMORE...
ALGERIA IS NOW POLITICALLY UNSTABLE AND KHIDER'S FORMER ASSOCIATES PROBABLY INTEND TO USE THE MONEY TO PLOT THEIR RETURN TO POWER BY FORCE!
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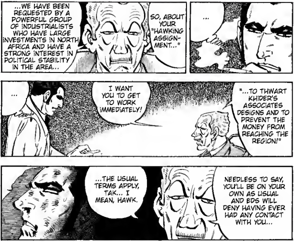
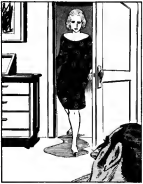
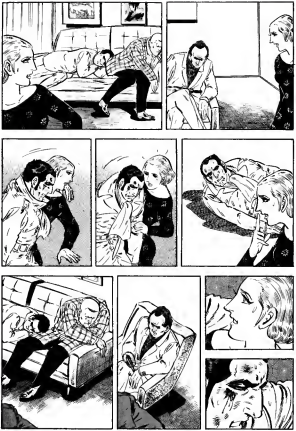
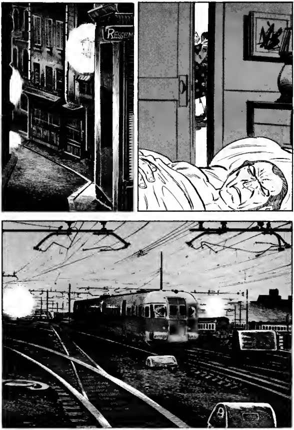

...WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY A POWERFUL GROUP OF INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAVE LARGE INVESTMENTS IN NORTH AFRICA AND HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE AREA...
SO, ABOUT YOUR "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT..."
...
...
I WANT YOU TO GET TO WORK IMMEDIATELY!
"...TO THWART KHIDER'S ASSOCIATES DESIGNS AND TO PREVENT THE MONEY FROM REACHING THE REGION!"
...THE USUAL TERMS APPLY, TAK... I MEAN, HAWK.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN AS USUAL AND EDS WILL DENY HAVING EVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH YOU...

TRACK-4

"SDECE"



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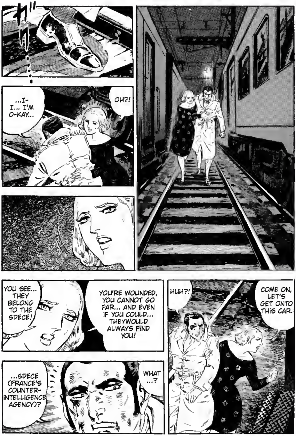
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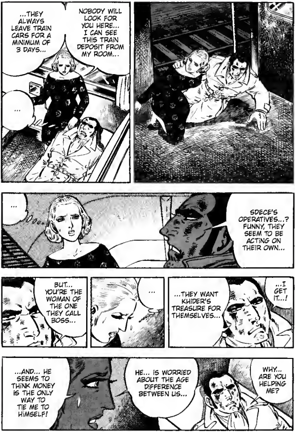
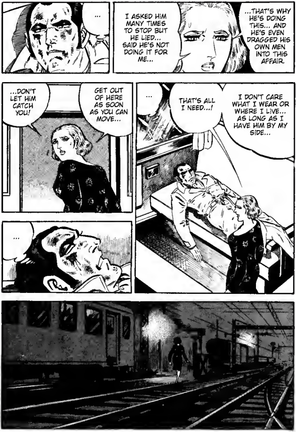
OH?!
...I- I... I'M O-KAY...
COME ON, LET'S GET ONTO THIS CAR.
HUH?!
YOU'RE WOUNDED, YOU CANNOT GO FAR... AND EVEN IF YOU COULD... THEYWOULD ALWAYS FIND YOU!
YOU SEE... THEY BELONG TO THE SDECE!
WHAT ...?
...SDECE (FRANCE'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY)?


NOBODY WILL LOOK FOR YOU HERE... I CAN SEE THIS TRAIN DEPOSIT FROM MY ROOM...
...THEY ALWAYS LEAVE TRAIN CARS FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS...
...
SDECE'S OPERATIVES...? FUNNY, THEY SEEM TO BE ACTING ON THEIR OWN...
...
...THEY WANT KHIDER'S TREASURE FOR THEMSELVES...
...I GET IT...!
...
BUT... YOU'RE THE WOMAN OF THE ONE THEY CALL BOSS...
WHY... ARE YOU HELPING ME?
HE... IS WORRIED ABOUT THE AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US...
...AND... HE SEEMS TO THINK MONEY IS THE ONLY WAY TO TIE ME TO HIMSELF!


...THAT'S WHY HE'S DOING THIS... AND HE'S EVEN DRAGGED HIS OWN MEN INTO THIS AFFAIR.
I ASKED HIM MANY TIMES TO STOP BUT HE LIED... SAID HE'S NOT DOING IT FOR ME...
...
I DON'T CARE WHAT I WEAR OR WHERE I LIVE... AS LONG AS I HAVE HIM BY MY SIDE...
THAT'S ALL I NEED...!
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GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS YOU CAN MOVE...
...DON'T LET HIM CATCH YOU!
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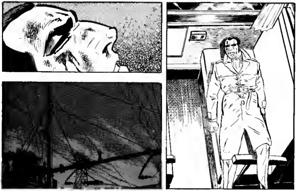

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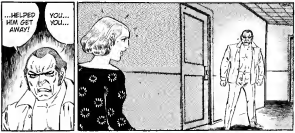
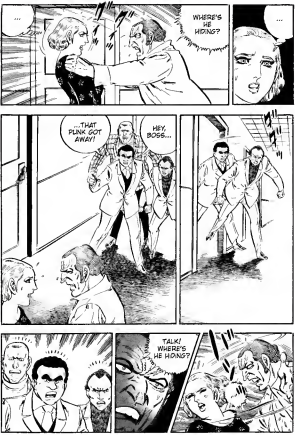
Death along the train tracks.


YOU... YOU...
...HELPED HIM GET AWAY!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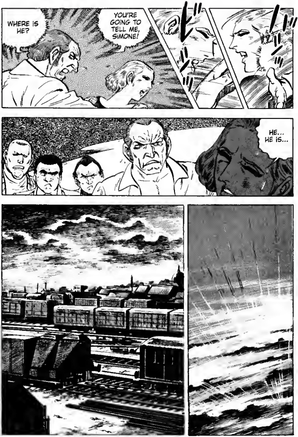
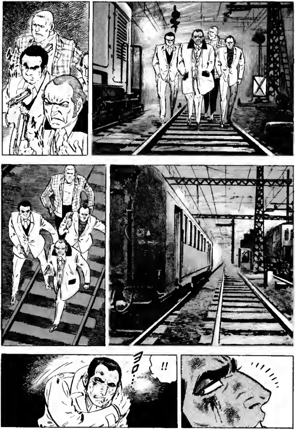
WHERE'S HE HIDING?
...
...THAT PUNK GOT AWAY!
HEY, BOSS...
TALK! WHERE'S HE HIDING?


WHERE IS HE?
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME, SIMONE!
HE... HE IS...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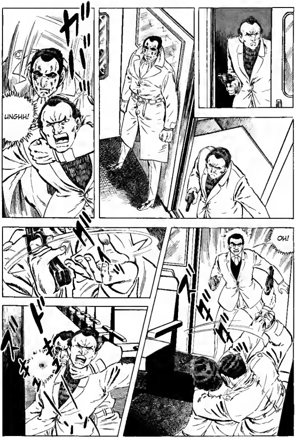
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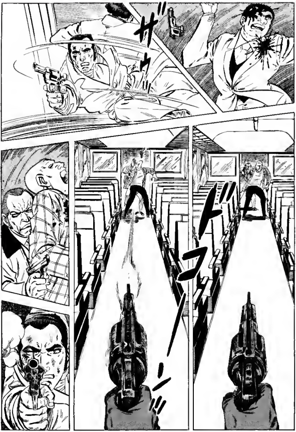
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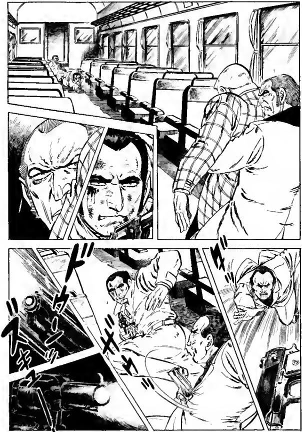
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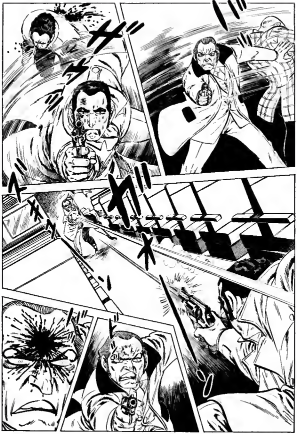
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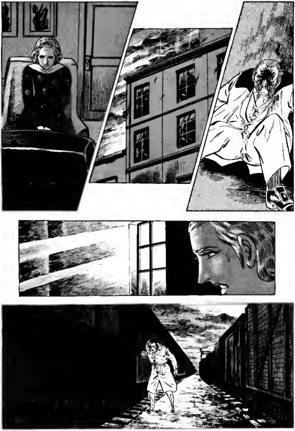

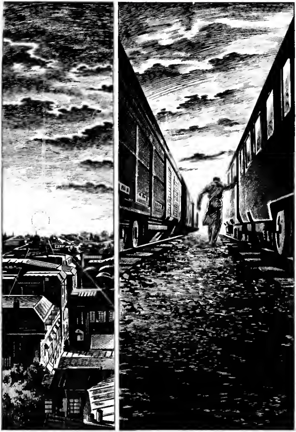

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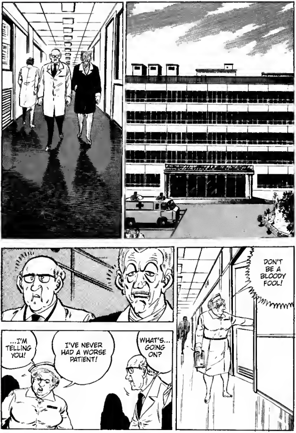
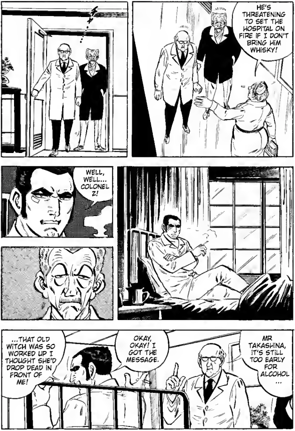
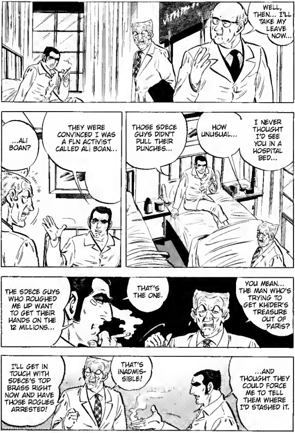
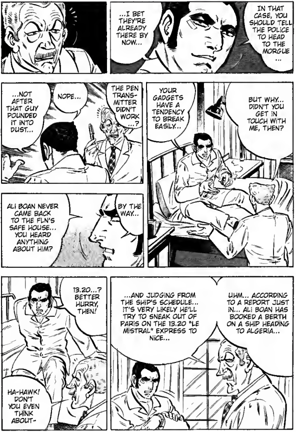
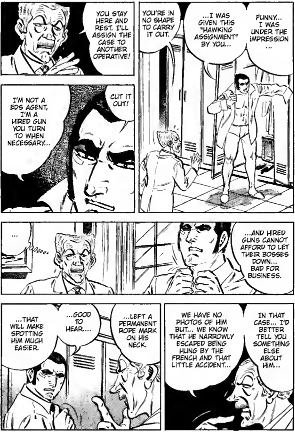
The hawk never sleeps.


DON'T BE A BLOODY FOOL!
...I'M TELLING YOU!
I'VE NEVER HAD A WORSE PATIENT!
WHAT'S... GOING ON?


HE'S THREATENING TO SET THE HOSPITAL ON FIRE IF I DON'T BRING HIM WHISKY!
WELL, WELL... COLONEL Z!
MR TAKASHINA, IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR ALCOHOL ...
OKAY, OKAY! I GOT THE MESSAGE.
...THAT OLD WITCH WAS SO WORKED UP I THOUGHT SHE'D DROP DEAD IN FRONT OF ME!

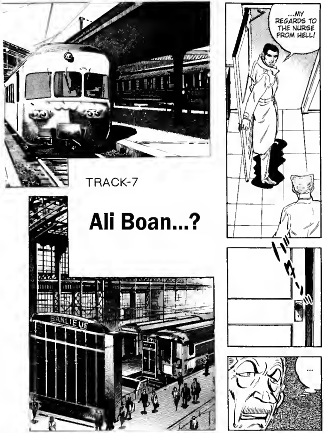

WELL, THEN... I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU IN A HOSPITAL BED...
HOW UNUSUAL...
THOSE SDECE GUYS DIDN'T PULL THEIR PUNCHES...
THEY WERE CONVINCED I WAS A FLN ACTIVIST CALLED ALI BOAN...
...ALI BOAN?
YOU MEAN... THE MAN WHO'S TRYING TO GET KHIDER'S TREASURE OUT OF PARIS?
THAT'S THE ONE.
THE SDECE GUYS WHO ROUGHED ME UP WANT TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE 12 MILLIONS...
...AND THOUGHT THEY COULD FORCE ME TO TELL THEM WHERE I'D STASHED IT.
THAT'S INADMISSIBLE!
I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH SDECE'S TOP BRASS RIGHT NOW AND HAVE THOSE ROGUES ARRESTED!


IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULD TELL THE POLICE TO HEAD TO THE MORGUE ...
...I BET THEY'RE ALREADY THERE BY NOW...
BUT WHY... DIDN'T YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH ME, THEN?
YOUR GADGETS HAVE A TENDENCY TO BREAK EASILY...
THE PEN TRANSMITTER DIDN'T WORK ...?
NOPE...
...NOT AFTER THAT GUY POUNDED IT INTO DUST...
BY THE WAY...
ALI BOAN NEVER CAME BACK TO THE FLN'S SAFE HOUSE... YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?
UHM... ACCORDING TO A REPORT JUST IN... ALI BOAN HAS BOOKED A BERTH ON A SHIP HEADING TO ALGERIA...
...AND JUDGING FROM THE SHIP'S SCHEDULE... IT'S VERY LIKELY HE'LL TRY TO SNEAK OUT OF PARIS ON THE 13.20 "LE MISTRAL" EXPRESS TO NICE...
13.20...? BETTER HURRY, THEN!
HA-HAWK! DON'T YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT-


FUNNY... I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION ...
...I WAS GIVEN THIS "HAWKING ASSIGNMENT" BY YOU...
YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO CARRY IT OUT.
YOU STAY HERE AND REST. I'LL ASSIGN THE CASE TO ANOTHER OPERATIVE!
CUT IT OUT!
I'M NOT A EDS AGENT, I'M A HIRED GUN YOU TURN TO WHEN NECESSARY...
...AND HIRED GUNS CANNOT AFFORD TO LET THEIR BOSSES DOWN... BAD FOR BUSINESS.
...
IN THAT CASE... I'D BETTER TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT HIM...
WE HAVE NO PHOTOS OF HIM BUT... WE KNOW THAT HE NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING HUNG BY THE FRENCH AND THAT LITTLE ACCIDENT...
...LEFT A PERMANENT ROPE MARK ON HIS NECK.
...GOOD TO HEAR....
...THAT WILL MAKE SPOTTING HIM MUCH EASIER.

TRACK-7

Ali Boan...?


...MY REGARDS TO THE NURSE FROM HELL!
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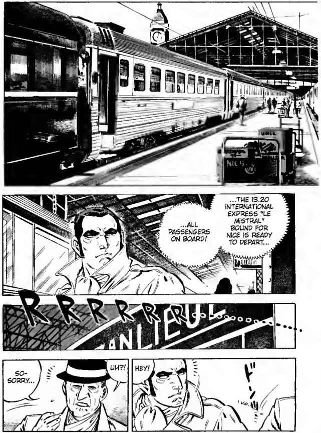
NICE
...THE 13.20 INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS "LE MISTRAL" BOUND FOR NICE IS READY TO DEPART...
...ALL PASSENGERS ON BOARD!
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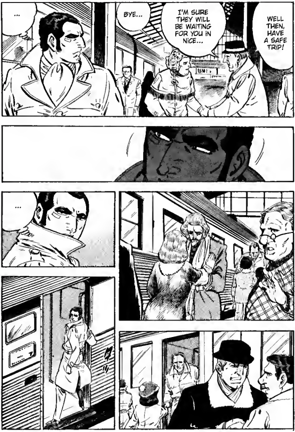
HEY!
UH?!
SO-SORRY...


WELL THEN, HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
I'M SURE THEY WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN NICE...
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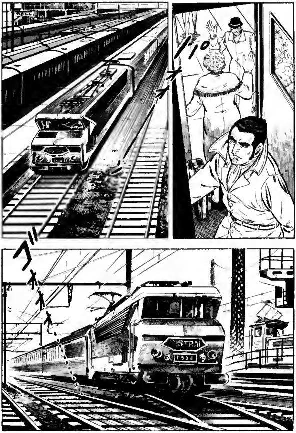
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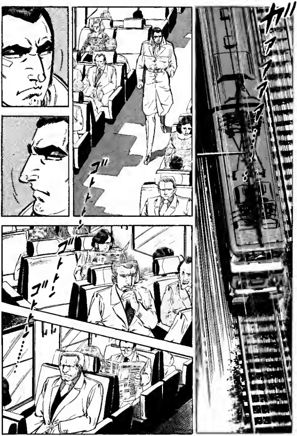
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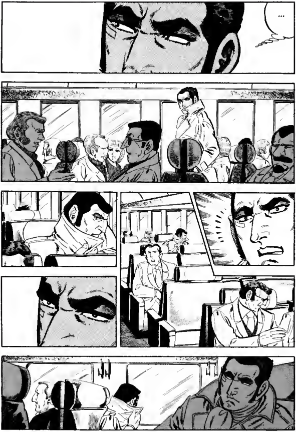

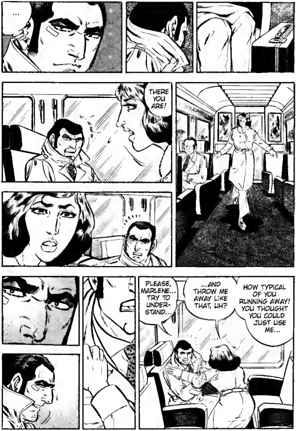
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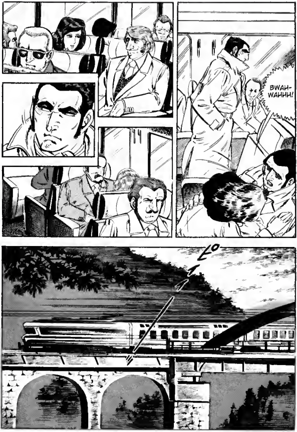
THERE YOU ARE!
HOW TYPICAL OF YOU RUNNING AWAY! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD JUST USE ME...
...AND THROW ME AWAY LIKE THAT, UH?
PLEASE, MARLENE... TRY TO UNDERSTAND...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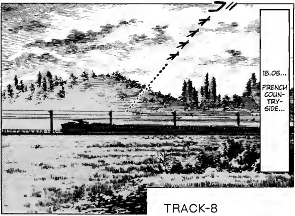
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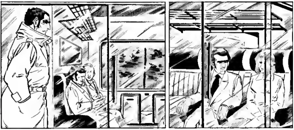
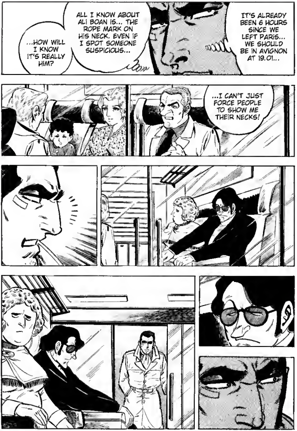
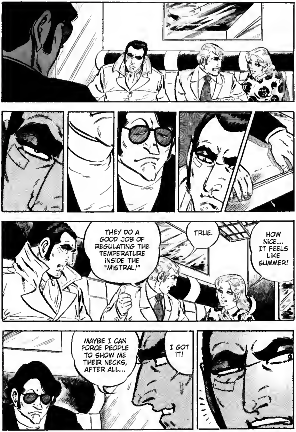
FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE...

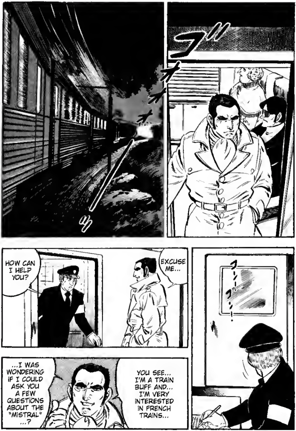
TRACK-8

The rope mark.




IT'S ALREADY BEEN 6 HOURS SINCE WE LEFT PARIS... WE SHOULD BE IN AVIGNON AT 19.01...
ALL I KNOW ABOUT ALI BOAN IS... THE ROPE MARK ON HIS NECK. EVEN IF I SPOT SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS...
...HOW WILL I KNOW IT'S REALLY HIM?
...I CAN'T JUST FORCE PEOPLE TO SHOW ME THEIR NECKS!


THEY DO A GOOD JOB OF REGULATING THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE THE "MISTRAL!"
TRUE.
HOW NICE... IT FEELS LIKE SUMMER!
MAYBE I CAN FORCE PEOPLE TO SHOW ME THEIR NECKS, AFTER ALL...
I GOT IT!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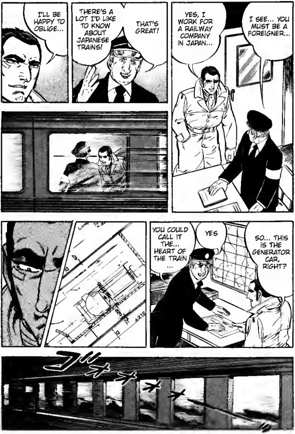
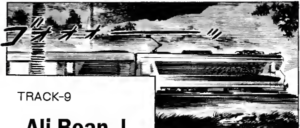
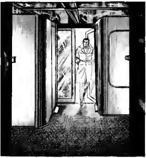
EXCUSE ME...
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
YOU SEE... I'M A TRAIN BUFF AND... I'M VERY INTERESTED IN FRENCH TRAINS...
...I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE "MISTRAL" ...?

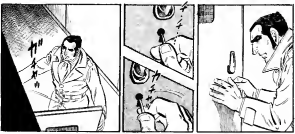

I'LL BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE...
THERE'S A LOT I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT JAPANESE TRAINS!
THAT'S GREAT!
YES, I WORK FOR A RAILWAY COMPANY IN JAPAN...
I SEE... YOU MUST BE A FOREIGNER...
YOU COULD CALL IT THE... HEART OF THE TRAIN ...
YES
SO... THIS IS THE GENERATOR CAR, RIGHT?



TRACK-9

Ali Boan, I presume...

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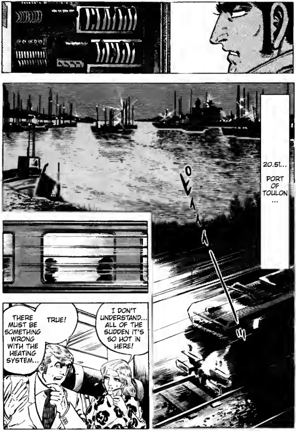
20.51... PORT OF TOULON ...
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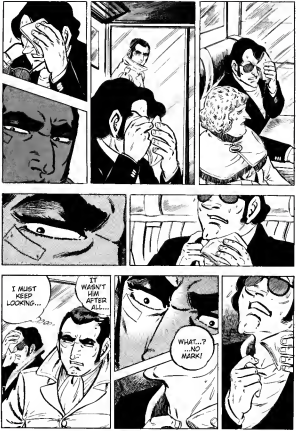
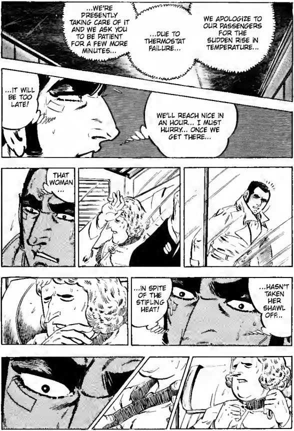
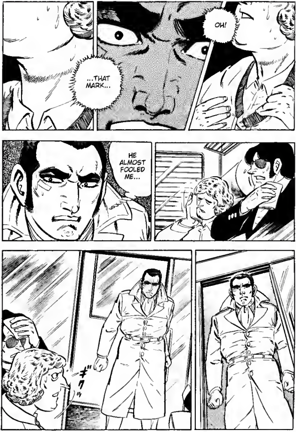
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE HEATING SYSTEM...
TRUE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... ALL OF THE SUDDEN IT'S SO HOT IN HERE!


WHAT...? ...NO MARK!
IT WASN'T HIM AFTER ALL...
I MUST KEEP LOOKING...


WE APOLOGIZE TO OUR PASSENGERS FOR THE SUDDEN RISE IN TEMPERATURE...
...DUE TO THERMOSTAT FAILURE...
...WE'RE PRESENTLY TAKING CARE OF IT AND WE ASK YOU TO BE PATIENT FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES...
WE'LL REACH NICE IN AN HOUR... I MUST HURRY... ONCE WE GET THERE...
...IT WILL BE TOO LATE!
THAT WOMAN ...
...HASN'T TAKEN HER SHAWL OFF...
...IN SPITE OF THE STIFLING HEAT!


...THAT MARK...
OH!
HE ALMOST FOOLED ME...
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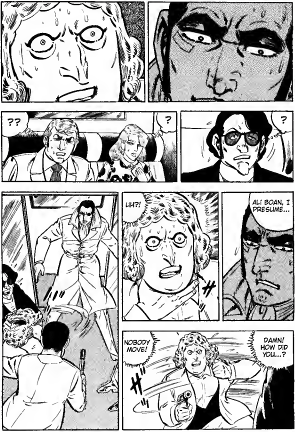
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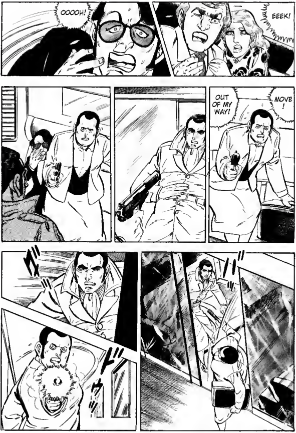
UH?!
ALI BOAN, I PRESUME...
NOBODY MOVE!
DAMN! HOW DID YOU...?


EEEK!
OOOOH!
MOVE !
OUT OF MY WAY!
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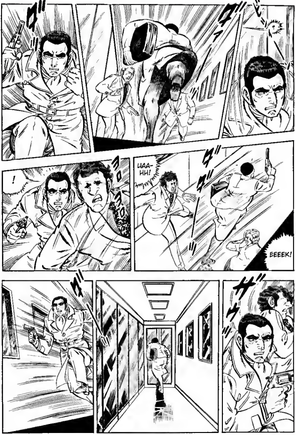
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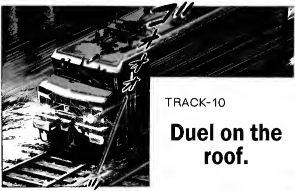

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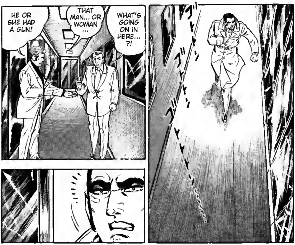
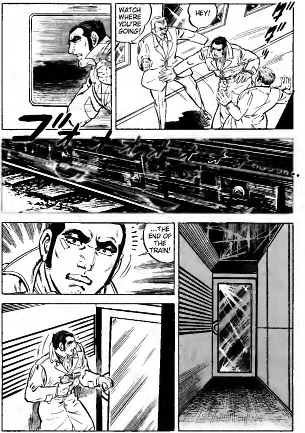
Duel on the roof.


WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE...?!
THAT MAN... OR WOMAN ...
HE OR SHE HAD A GUN!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HEY!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
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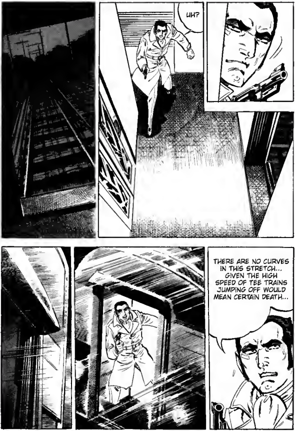
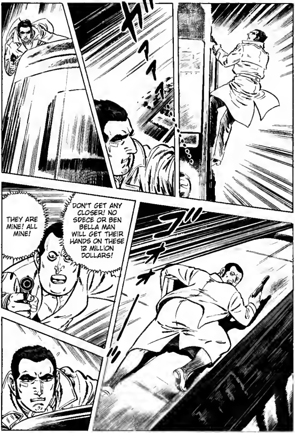
...THE END OF THE TRAIN!


UH?
THERE ARE NO CURVES IN THIS STRETCH... GIVEN THE HIGH SPEED OF TEE TRAINS JUMPING OFF WOULD MEAN CERTAIN DEATH...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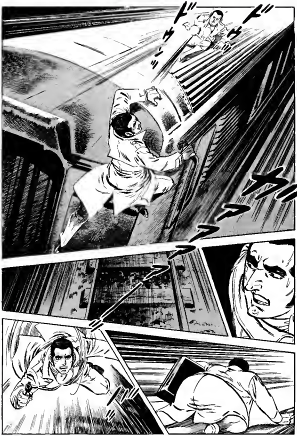
DON'T GET ANY CLOSER! NO SDECE OR BEN BELLA MAN WILL GET THEIR HANDS ON THESE 12 MILLION DOLLARS!
THEY ARE MINE! ALL MINE!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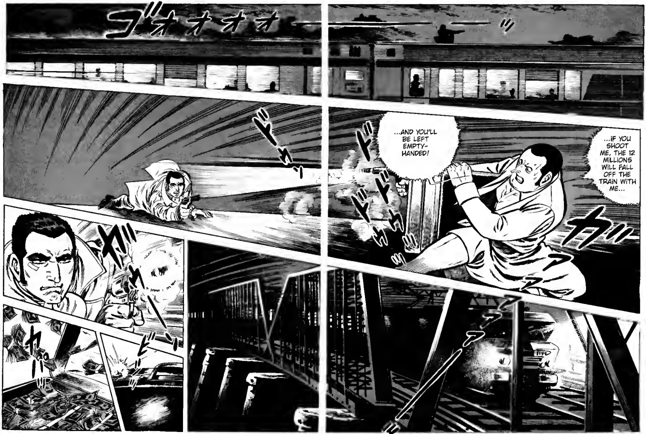
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...IF YOU SHOOT ME, THE 12 MILLIONS WILL FALL OFF THE TRAIN WITH ME...
...AND YOU'LL BE LEFT EMPTY-HANDED!
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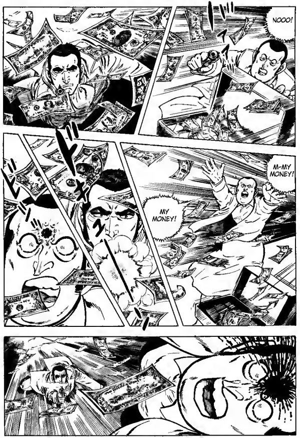
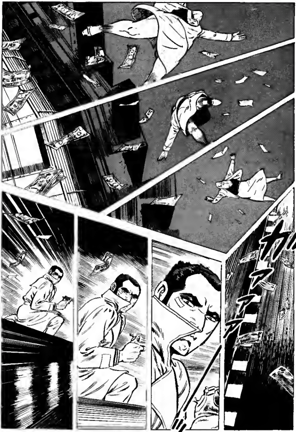

NOOO!
M-MY MONEY!
MY MONEY!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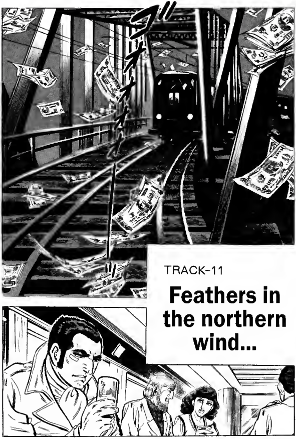
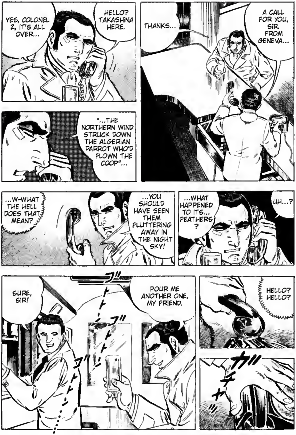


TRACK-11

Feathers in the northern wind...


A CALL FOR YOU, SIR. FROM GENEVA...
THANKS...
HELLO? TAKASHINA HERE.
YES, COLONEL Z, IT'S ALL OVER...
"...THE NORTHERN WIND STRUCK DOWN THE ALGERIAN PARROT WHO'D FLOWN THE COOP"...
UH...?
...WHAT HAPPENED TO ITS... FEATHERS?
...YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM FLUTTERING AWAY IN THE NIGHT SKY!
...W-WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
HELLO? HELLO?
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POUR ME ANOTHER ONE, MY FRIEND.
SURE, SIR!
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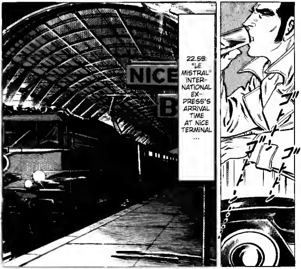
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